

Fury at Tory plan for new union curbs

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Sweeping new government plans for trade union reforms intended to give rank and file union members more democratic control over their leaders provoked Labour fury in the Commons yesterday.

The Green Paper, *Trades Unions and Their Members*, which incorporates ministers' reactions to the Wapping dispute, proposes to abolish the closed shop, widen the use of postal ballots, restrict the use of union funds, and to appoint a commissioner to ensure that the unions obeyed the new laws.

Unless the general election is delayed until 1988 it is unlikely that there will be legislation before Mrs Margaret Thatcher goes to the country; the proposals would form part of the Conservative manifesto.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General, told MPs yesterday that some unions had failed to correct abuses and further action was needed to strengthen the rights of individuals. Earlier reforms had reduced the power of the closed shop but in some industries the power of the closed shop remained.

"We are proposing to end completely the use of the law in any circumstances to sus-

tain the closed shop". Under the new proposals "the post entry closed shop will be effectively finished". Those who lost jobs for refusing to join a union would be entitled to punitive damages.

The Government has been disturbed that some union leaders have been able to get round rules requiring regular elections by members to hold their posts for long terms or

The Government was accused of rushing out the proposals to "set up trade unions" as an issue in the general election campaign by Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC.

Mr Alistair Graham, director of The Industrial Society and a former trade union leader, dismissed the green paper as "a series of petty proposals which will further antagonize the trade union movement".

for life, in some cases by giving up voting rights on the executive.

Mr Arthur Scargill of the NUM; Mr Clive Jenkins of ASTMS; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe of Nupe; and Mr Ken Gill of Tass, are special targets. The Green Paper proposes to make union presidents, general secretaries and other executive members subject to direct democratic election whether or not they retain an executive vote. It is likely to put a fixed term on those already elected for life.

Referring to the Wapping dispute, Mr Clarke said: "The right to choose to go to work during industrial action is an essential freedom. We believe that union members are entitled to a vote on whether their union should call them out on strike."

"We also believe that they are entitled to continue to go to work and honour their contract of employment if they disagree with their union's call. At the moment, legislation does not give union members any right to take action to restrain their unions from calling a strike without a ballot."

"Nor do they have any statutory protection against disciplinary action by their union if they cross a picket line or carry on working during a dispute. We propose to give them both."

There was a clear need for a new commissioner for union affairs to advise and support union members who wanted to take action against unions and officials who appeared to be failing to comply with the law.

Mr Clarke told protesting MPs that the Wapping dispute would have taken a different form if the new proposals had been in force. Any Sogat worker would have been able to get a court order restraining his union from calling a strike without a ballot of the members and so "committing suicide". The National Union of Journalists and TGVU would also have been unable to take the action they did to discipline their members who continued working.

The Alliance employment spokesman, Mr Malcolm Bruce, gave a general welcome to the proposals, which he said, contained a large number of policy measures purloined from the Alliance.

But from Labour's front bench, Mr John Evans, in the absence of the employment spokesman, Mr John Prescott, called the proposals a "blackleg's charter" and said they were petty.

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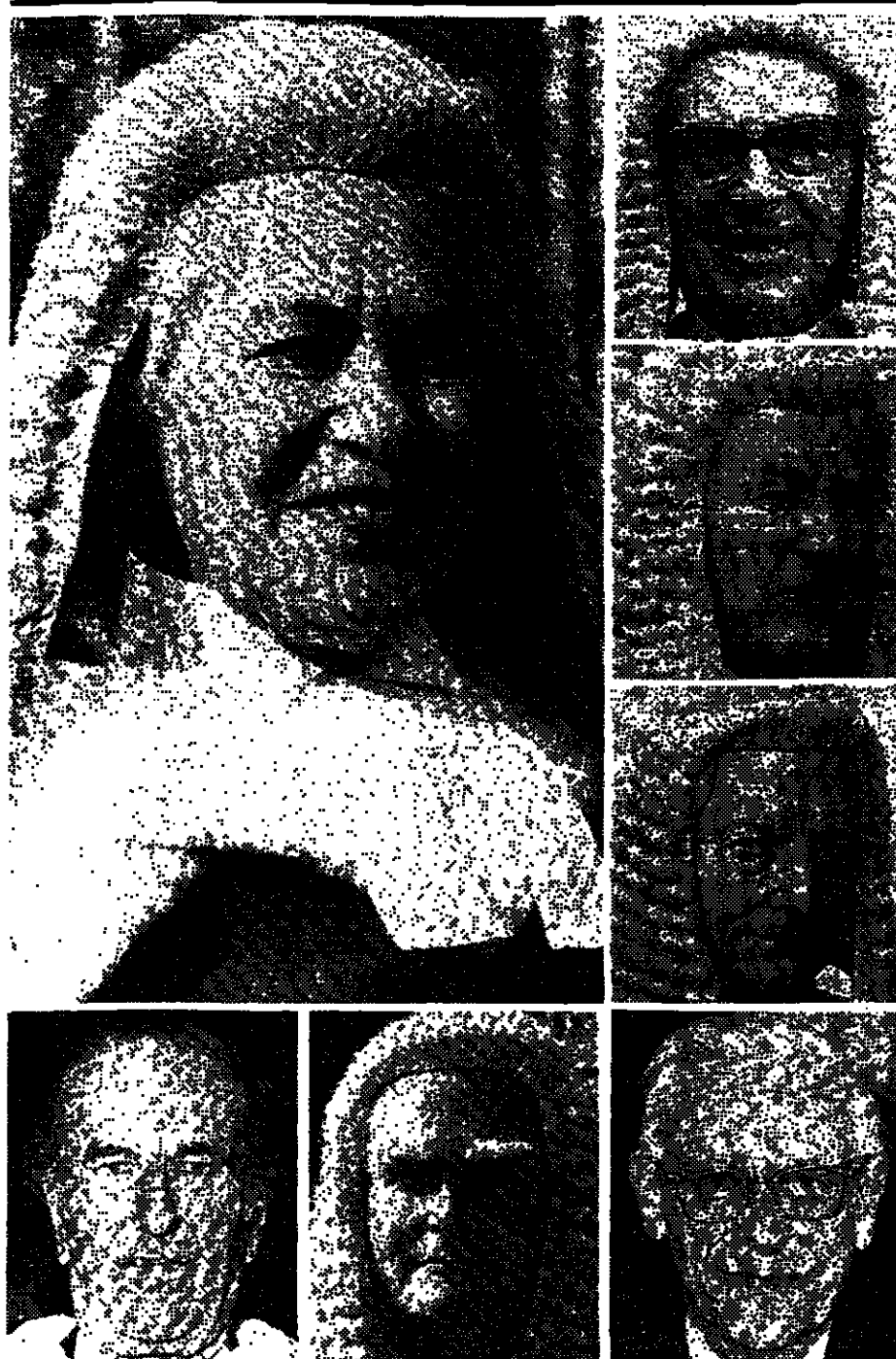
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One of the quickest legal actions in British judicial history



Swift justice: Mrs Justice Heilbron (top left); Court of Appeal judges (top right) Sir John Donaldson, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Stephen Brown; and the Law Lords (below, left to right) Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver.

Lords reject father's appeal over abortion

By Howard Foster

A student at Oxford University is free to have an abortion within a "matter of days" after the refusal by the House of Lords to hear an appeal by the father of the 21-week-old foetus that she should be prevented from doing so.

It is one of the quickest legal actions in the history of the British judiciary. The application for an injunction to stop the abortion was first lodged at the end of last week and reached the Law Lords, through the Court of Appeal, yesterday.

Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths and Lord Oliver agreed with a decision given earlier yesterday by the Court of Appeal that if the foetus was not capable of breathing by itself or with the aid of a ventilator then it was not a child capable of being born alive.

The father, "Mr C", aged 23, a postgraduate of Magdalen College, now faces costs estimated at up to £50,000. A member of the Oxford University Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child, he was backed by the pro-life group during the case.

Oxfordshire District Health Authority said last night that the abortion would probably take place in a matter of days. Earlier, the authority had refused to carry out the operation if a Lords appeal was pending or underway.

The pregnant woman, aged 21, won the right to have an abortion under a ruling by the Court of Appeal yesterday which dismissed an appeal by counsel for Mr C that if the

foetus was born at its present age of 18 to 21 weeks it would, effectively, be a "live birth".

Mr Gerard Wright, QC, for the father, argued that under the 1929 Child Life Preservation Act the foetus would be capable of being born alive if there were muscle contractions, if its heart was beating, if it showed real and discernable signs of life, had brain waves and was sentient.

However, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, ruled that such a foetus was not capable of breathing and in his and the two other appeal judges' view, it could not have survived.

"If it has reached the normal stage of development and

is incapable ever of breathing with or without a ventilator it is not, in our judgement, a child capable of being born alive within the meaning of the Act," Sir John said.

He told the court that after conception, the woman, known as "Miss S", had taken anti-depressant drugs and had two X-rays for a chest infection, one of which was without a protective shield.

The fact that she was pregnant only became apparent after she had a body scan. All those things could damage a foetus, Sir John said.

Sir John was then told by Mr Peter Sheridan, for Miss S, that the regional health authority whose hospital was

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NatWest first to make £1bn

National Westminster Group became the first banking group in Britain to achieve pre-tax profits of £1 billion. The bank reported profits of £1,011 million for 1986.

Banking operations in Britain produced the biggest profits, rising 37 per cent to £720 million. NatWest attracted 400,000 new accounts last year and increased its mortgage lending by £700 million to £4 billion. Page 19

Peres in row

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, is to fly to Cairo today to discuss the possibility of an international Middle East peace conference, leaving behind a row that could split the coalition.

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Pits challenge

Far greater attention must be paid to the social consequences of pit closures, a Conservative-controlled select committee says.

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Tamils win High Court challenge

The 58 Sri Lankan Tamils who were involved in a protest on the tarmac at Heathrow Airport won permission in the High Court yesterday to challenge a government attempt to expel them.

The High Court ruled the Tamils had "at least an arguable case" that there had been procedural impropriety in the Home Office decision to order their removal from Britain.

Lord Justice May, sitting with Mr Justice Webster and Mr Justice Nolan, granted the 58 men, women and children leave to seek judicial review of the decision.

They ordered that the case should be heard as a matter of urgency, possibly in two weeks. "The sooner this matter is finally dealt with the better," Lord Justice May said.

Dr Martin Barber, director of the British Refugee Council, said last night the decision seemed to say that the manner in which an asylum-seeker arrived in Britain should not be a consideration in the case for asylum. In other words, the use of forged visas or no visas should not affect a person's claim for asylum.

The Tamils were saved from immediate removal last Tuesday by a High Court injunction granted as some of them stripped to their underpants at Heathrow.

The judges refused the Home Office leave to appeal. But they also refused to grant injunctions banning the removal of the Tamils after the Home Office undertook to give notice of any such move.

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Accountants Price Waterhouse have been found guilty of serious errors of judgement and unprofessional conduct by the accounting profession's disciplinary body. Page 19

Survival fight

Football intends to fight for survival against the property developers following Monday's merger between Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers. Page 40

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Buoyant Thatcher signals tax cuts

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday signalled her approval for further tax cuts in the Budget on March 17 in a speech which will make it virtually impossible for the Chancellor not to deliver them.

Speaking to the annual convention of the Institute of Directors in London, Mrs Thatcher could scarcely have been more explicit.

Having declared that her speech would contain no election teasers, no Budget hints and no mother-in-law jokes she failed only to provide the mother-in-law jokes.

Mrs Thatcher said: "Lower income tax is undoubtedly an incentive to the higher growth from which all else comes. We have reduced income tax and we have made quite clear our intention to reduce it further."

She said that taxes could only be cut at the pace dictated by prudence, but added: "Some suggest it is wrong to want to reduce income tax further. But I believe it is wrong for the state to take and spend so much of people's earnings that they are left with too little to provide for their own families and to save for their own future. We believe the citizen is entitled to keep

the lion's share of his earnings."

With economic commentators forecasting without Treasury contradiction that the Chancellor has some £3 billion to £4 billion to "give away" and Labour already mounting an advance counter-offensive against widely-anticipated tax cuts, Mrs

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Thatcher's words are the clearest indication yet that a tax-cutting Budget is on the way. Her speech did nothing either to lessen the expectations of an early election.

The Prime Minister was in buoyant mood, declaring that Britain's industrial base was healthier than for at least a generation. The Government's prudent and consistent management of the nation's finances had produced low inflation, six years of continuous growth and a higher standard of living than ever before.

And she concluded: "This is a Government which has work yet to do. And it is my hope and dream that we may complete the task to which we have set our hand."

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Reagan replaces Nato chief

Brussels (Reuter) - Nato yesterday agreed "with great regret" to a request by President Reagan to replace the outgoing US General Bernard Rogers as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

A spokesman said that the Defence Planning Committee of Nato had agreed to Mr Reagan's request to release General Rogers, aged 65, from his duties from the end of June.

The statement expressed "deep and lasting gratitude" to General Rogers for his seven years of service and formally asked Mr Reagan to nominate a successor.

Blakelock jury clears 2 of killing

Two of the six defendants accused of murdering PC Keith Blakelock during the 1985 Tottenham riots were yesterday cleared of taking part in the killing by a jury at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Justice Hodgson ordered the jury to acquit a youth, aged 15, because evidence against him was inadmissible.

The judge ordered the jury to clear a second youth, also 15, after the Crown decided not to continue with its prosecution against him for murder. He remains on trial for riot and affray with three men and a youth, aged 16, who are still accused of the murder.

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Tobacco ban by ITV sport

Sporting events sponsored by tobacco companies are no longer to be broadcast by independent television companies or Channel Four.

The decision will have immediate effect, although existing arrangements will be allowed to run their course.

Lord Carrington, Nato Secretary-General, said in December that he was prepared to like others in the alliance, to see General Rogers stay on "until he is 100".

● WASHINGTON: General John Galvin, aged 57, chief of the US Southern Command in Panama for the past two years, is expected to succeed General Rogers (Christopher Thomas writes).

He was military assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe between 1974-76 and later served in West Germany.

doing, one replied: "Waiting for hippies. They are to meet today and we will break them up. They disgrace the Soviet way of life."

The Lyuberites came to world prominence this month when Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, alleged that they might have been responsible for the savage attacks against Jewish demonstrators and Western newsmen in the centre of Moscow during peaceful protests for the prominent dissident, Mr Iosif Begun.

This claim was countered by those present on the most violent fifth day of the demonstrations

1,000 children in meningitis scare

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

One thousand children are to be vaccinated against meningitis after an outbreak of the disease at a comprehensive school in Lincolnshire.

Doctors are now urgently seeking extra supplies of the vaccine which may have to be flown in from abroad.

Two boys who attend the school were admitted to Peterborough district hospital, suffering from the brain disease last weekend and another two on Monday.

Laboratory tests have confirmed that three of the boys, aged between 14 and 16, have the same C strain of meningococcal meningitis. Tests on the fourth child have not been completed. All four were said to be doing well yesterday, though one was still in intensive care.

The strain is thought to be less virulent than the B strain, for which there is still no vaccine, and which has claimed children's lives in Stroud in Gloucestershire.

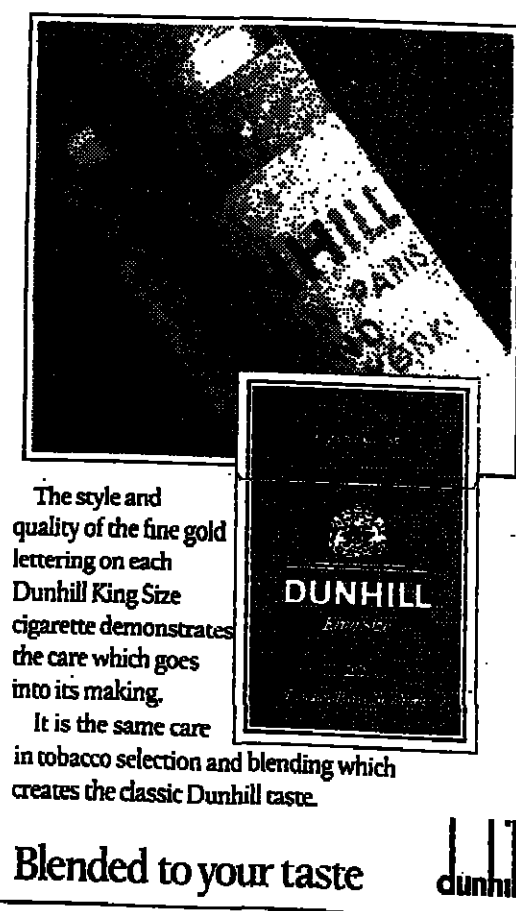
The boys attend Deepings School, Market Deeping, near Peterborough and live near to each other.

Close relatives and contacts have already been given preventive antibiotics and health authority officials have now decided that all pupils should be given the vaccination next week by a team of doctors.

The school is now closed for half term holiday.

Parents have now been warned to call their doctor immediately if their child complains of feeling unwell, or shows signs of severe headaches or vomiting.

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North Sea jobs in £70m project

Marathon Oil UK has placed contracts worth £70 million with 11 companies which will provide an estimated 1,500 jobs in the North Sea offshore industry. The contracts are for work on the hook-up and commissioning of its Brae B oilfield in the North Sea. The Brae B platform will house the first gas recycling plant in the North Sea and will be the largest plant of its type in the world.

Offshore hook-up and commissioning is due to start in July and will continue until late 1988.

Four main direct labour contracts have been placed, both in Aberdeen. Other contracts have been awarded to companies in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Wakefield, the only place south of the Border to receive one.

Fishing Pay fight trip death at bases

A fisherman was drowned and three others were rescued after their vessel overturned off the Northumbrian coast yesterday.

The 17ft fishing vessel, the Lucy Jane, was only yards from shore when it capsized. Bystanders at Seaton Sluice, near Blyth, dragged the men ashore.

The dead man was Lawrence Wright, aged 35, of Blyth. The survivors, Edward Wright, aged 35, and George Yearshire, aged 38, both of Blyth, and Douglas Broadly, aged 59, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, were released from hospital last night.

Fruit machine probe

A Home Office decision to investigate the problems of addiction to fruit machine gambling was welcomed last night by the Amusement Arcade Action Group.

The group, which is a national association of local authorities concerned about the spread of fruit machines, said: "The Government has now recognized that amusement arcades can cause major social and family problems, especially for young people."

The Home Office Research and Planning Unit is expected to examine child addiction and the Gaming Board to provide facts about the growth of the arcade industry. The group feels that research will demonstrate that legislation is required to tackle the problem of teenage gambling.

NYT new Guards director

The National Youth Theatre has appointed Edward Wilson as artistic director, succeeding Michael Croft who died last year.

Mr Wilson, whose career as an actor and director has included both the theatre and television, was selected from 76 applicants. He is currently directing the production of *Charlie Chaplin's Babes*.

Since 1981 he has directed regularly for the youth theatre. In 1985 he was artistic director for the Royal Jubilee Trust's 50th anniversary celebrations in St Paul's Cathedral.

Haughey's job offer

The outgoing Speaker of the Dail in the Irish Republic, Mr Tom Fitzpatrick, has been offered the position for a second term by Fianna Fail.

Mr Charles Haughey, who will be elected prime minister next month, made the offer to the senior Fine Gael politician.

Mr Haughey's party won 81 of the 166 seats in the Dail which means he is dependent on the support of three independent deputies for a voting majority if he has to appoint the Speaker from his own ranks.

Tradition requires the Speaker to support the government of the day in a tied vote. Fianna Fail believes that if he was reappointed it would provide continuity and promote the spirit of co-operation in the national interest.

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Ferrets who make money from defence secrets

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Secret research work on new safety equipment for the RAF could have huge commercial spin-offs, it was disclosed yesterday.

The potential for the commercial market of three projects has been discovered by special "ferrets" who are allowed into the Ministry of Defence research and development establishments to seek out the military pro-

grammes that could have civilian application.

The ferrets who work for Defence Technology Enterprises (DTE), set up with the help of the ministry 15 months ago, recently noticed a device to be used by the RAF to measure microwave radiation.

The detector will be worn by RAF maintenance personnel to warn them if the radar under the nose cone of a fighter plane is still on.

Yesterday Mr Bernard Herdan, managing director of DTE, said that the same sort of device could be used to check on radiation levels in microwave ovens and could also have widespread use in industry.

The two other pieces of equipment developed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough are a special foamed anti-icing fluid to remove ice, snow or frost from aircraft surfaces before take-

off much more efficiently than the normal fluids, which would have obvious advantages for motorists in winter, and a device for instant measuring of cracks in aircraft skins which would have a huge potential market in industry.

In the past two years the Ministry of Defence, which spends an annual £2,300 million on research and development, 55 per cent of the Government's total expen-

diture on R&D, have become more aware of the need to open its secret establishments to commercial exploitation.

When DTE was set up, two commercial "ferrets" were sent to each of four of the ministry's establishments.

Mr Herdan said yesterday: "We reckon we can hand out licences to commercial companies at the rate of one a month. We have had really superb co-operation from the Ministry of Defence."

Of the ministry's £2,300 million budget, only 5 per cent is spent on innovative "blue skies" research, which ventures into uncharted, scientific territory that may have defence implications. The rest of the budget goes towards the development of specific defence systems for all armed services for between five and 10 years' time which depend on technology that is already available.

Tory MPs in challenge to government coal policy

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Conservative-controlled select committee yesterday challenged public assurances given by the Government and British Coal by saying that widespread pit closures and the "haemorrhage" of jobs from the coal industry would continue well into the 1990s.

In a report on the industry's future that will embarrass the Government, the energy committee said that far greater attention must be paid to the social consequences of pit closures.

It stated that the 1985 miners' strike had been precipitated by the "antagonising" decision of British Coal to bring forward the closure of Cortonwood. British Coal's present attitude to closures was "secretive, even complacent".

The committee split down party lines on the sensitive subject of privatization. The Conservative majority pushed through recommendations that would lift the shackles on the industry's small private sector but those were rejected by the Labour members in what amounted to a minority report.

The report notes the "remarkable and commendable" progress towards profitability made by British Coal over the past four years but is sceptical of government claims that it can break even by 1988-89.

Pointing to such factors as depressed coal prices, uncertain long-term demand, and the ending of government grants, it believes that "structural change towards higher productivity and lower costs

has some way further to run". That could mean "substantial job losses" for at least the next five years.

The Government's policy towards financing British Coal was thus "not fully credible" and should be reconsidered. It should reassess its policy on pit closures.

Mining communities were special cases. British Coal should continue to make closure decisions on commercial grounds but should consult first with the Government which should use fiscal measures to reverse the decision if the social costs were too great. It should also give more warnings of closures.

Recommendations include the creation of a Cabinet committee to consider how best to alleviate hardship in coalfield communities and a substantial increase in the £40 million allocated to create alternative employment.

The committee stopped short of calling for outright privatization, at least until British Coal is commercially viable, but alienated its Labour members by calling for the abolition of British Coal's power to license private operators, charge them royalties and restrict the amount they can mine and the number they can employ.

In a series of defeated amendments the four Labour MPs, each with mining links, argued that such "backdoor privatization" would lead to lower safety standards.

First Report from the Energy Committee: The Coal Industry (Stationery Office: £7.20).

Father's appeal on abortion rejected

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preparing to terminate the pregnancy tomorrow would not proceed unless the proposed appeal to the Lords was either refused or heard and rejected.

"I am bound to say that all three of us are astonished at the attitude of the regional health authority," Sir John said. "In practical terms this court is the final court of appeal in circumstances of real urgency. No one could be blamed in any way. They could not be prosecuted for acting on the judgement made in this court."

After consultation with Mr Sheridan and Mr Wright, the Master of the Rolls dismissed the appeal by the father and refused leave of appeal to the Lords. That left the way open for Mr Wright to apply to the Law Lords for the right to bring an appeal to the Lords.

The date set for terminating the pregnancy was originally last Monday but that was postponed until tomorrow after an appeal to the High Court by the putative father.

The High Court application for the injunction was heard over the weekend and, because she decided that the case was one of public importance, Mrs Justice Heilbron gave her judgement in open court on Monday.

An appeal was lodged on

that same day and, again, the Court of Appeal started to hear submissions that same day. They concluded the hearing yesterday and that same afternoon the Law Lords agreed to consider the appeal against Sir John Donaldson's judgement.

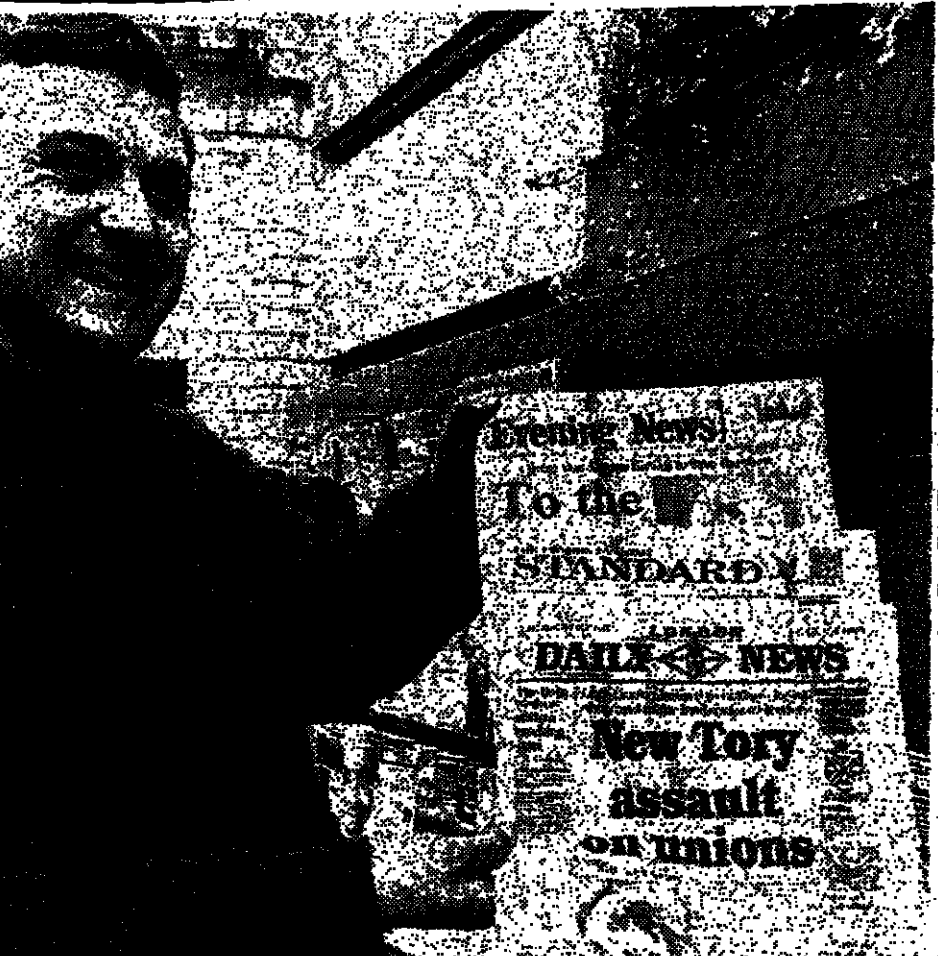
Had the appeal to the Lords been entertained, it is understood that the hearing would have begun this morning, another indication that the English legal system can move rapidly when pressed.

Both counsel for Mr C and Miss S praised Sir John and Mrs Justice Heilbron for being virtually at the "beck and call" of the parties concerned at yesterday's Court of Appeal hearing.

Sir John Donaldson, in the same spirit of urgency because of the need to resolve the matter before surgery had to be ruled out, offered to release any member of the court at any time "even in mid-sentence" if the House of Lords rejected it.

The Law Lords were spared discussion of two supplementary points of appeal which were dismissed by the Master of the Rolls at the request of Mr Wright. Those involved the right of the father to have a say in the future of the unborn child and the statutory standing of an unborn baby.

In the statement, Mrs Hadaway said that when Ka-



London evening newspaper readers had three chances of picking a winner on crowded newsstands yesterday after years of Hobson's choice (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

London newspaper war

Civility is the first casualty

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

London's newspaper war got underway yesterday with civility the first casualty.

First on the streets with its "gold top" edition, Mr Robert Maxwell's *London Daily News* treated readers to a page three spread with a photograph of the Princess of Wales under the headline: "The high society princess and the high-flying London Daily News. What a swell party this is."

The adjacent report gave a detailed account of the party at Mirror Group newspapers in Holborn on Monday night to launch the new newspaper, with a subsidiary headline claiming: "Diana has a high time".

Careful readers would have noticed that two paragraphs under this headline revealed that the Princess was not at the *London Daily News* party.

She had been photographed attending a gala performance of *High Society* at the Victoria Palace theatre.

The *Evening News*, launched by Associated Newspapers,

also had a photograph of the Princess's night out, but reserved its special attention for its journalistic adversary, running three barbed items about Mr Maxwell and his newspapers.

On its front page, it introduced to itself to readers with the phrase: "As we were saying before we were so rudely interrupted (if we may borrow a phrase from the days when *The Daily Mirror* was a good newspaper)..."

The words were borrowed from Cassandra, the *Daily Mirror* diarist, in his first post-war column.

Its back page diary featured a photograph of Mr Maxwell with the headline: "Dancing with rage".

The caption to the picture reported that Mr Maxwell was "dancing with fury over the relaunch of the *Evening News*".

Those who have studied the beast over the years can recall only one occasion when he was angrier...

The *London Evening Standard* joined in the fray with a

diary item gleefully reporting that copies of the *Daily News* failed to arrive at the front of the Savoy Hotel in time for Mr Maxwell's breakfast presentation to advertisers.

Circulation managers said that scattered distribution problems marred both launches yesterday, with some newspapers calling *The Daily News* repeatedly to complain they had received no newspapers.

Mr Charles Wintour, editorial consultant to Mr Maxwell, said a press line at one of the contract printers had failed, causing the loss of 40,000 copies.

But he said that despite some problems, the launch had gone smoothly and he expected a sell-out of the 900,000 copies printed.

Mr John Leese, editor of *The Standard* and the *Evening News*, declared that his newspaper was "quite adequate for the purpose".

He said he expected to sell all 100,000 copies.

Hermon's US visit under fire

By Richard Ford

A visit to the United States by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary has run into opposition from Irish American republicans, who want his invitation withdrawn.

Sir John Hermon has been invited to Washington to address a seminar on inner city policing next week, but the Irish National Caucus has protested to the organizers that the RUC is the "very personification of anti-Catholic oppression and discrimination in Northern Ireland".

Sir John was invited by the US Police Foundation but after the campaign led by Father Sean McMannus, who was born in Co Fermanagh, the organizers are reconsidering the matter.

The mayor of Boston and a former New York City Police Commissioner have also protested.

General Synod Agreement reached on leaving Church House

By Alan Wood

already difficult to let the conference facilities.

The decision to move to Millbank came after strong pleas for the synod to choose a site outside London as a sign that the church was conscious of the plight of other parts of the country. But Professor David Maclean (Sheffield), speaking on behalf of the synod's standing committee which backed the switch to Millbank, said he considered that a national church that distanced itself from those who made national policy would be abandoning an essential part of its mission.

Any location outside London would be inconvenient and inefficient. Part of the financial argument for the move to Millbank was that it would save the church £1 million a year.

A report from the Corporation of Church House considered by the synod yesterday said that, although it was only 48 years old, Church House was out of date and it was

Kinnock to meet Reagan

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnoch is to meet President Reagan next month when he returns to America to explain Labour's non-nuclear defence policy.

His first trip to Atlanta, Boston, New York and Washington last December was not seen as a success by the British media, and he had to abandon plans to return this month because Mr Reagan, embroiled in the Iranagate affair, was unable to find time to see him.

Mr Kinnoch's aides denied that this was in any way a snub, but a group of senior Tory MPs sought to make political capital recently by challenging him to name the date of his second visit.

Mr Kinnoch will arrive in Washington on March 26, see Mr Reagan the next day, and return to London on March 28.

Brighton schoolgirls hearing

Mother tells of accused's aid in hunt

The mother of one of the murdered Brighton schoolgirls told a court yesterday of her frantic search for her missing daughter, and of the moment she realized her daughter was dead.

The court was told Mrs Michelle Hadaway, aged 29, had searched through the night and the next day for daughter, Karen, aged nine, who disappeared with her playmate, Nicola Fellows, aged 10.

Mrs Hadaway said she was in Wild Park, Brighton, when the bodies of the girls, who had been strangled after one was sexually assaulted, were found on a thickly-wooded slope. Suddenly there were police swarming across the park and a helicopter came overhead and I saw the tape, and I knew."

She said she called out to Russell Bishop, accused of murdering the two girls, who had been helping in the search. "I saw Russell and shouted at him because I wanted to know what was happening. He just put his hands over his face."

Mrs Hadaway, who recently gave birth to a girl, was giving evidence at Hove Magistrates' Court during committal proceedings against Mr Bishop, aged 21, of Stephens Road, Brighton.

In a statement to police, she said that during the search Mr Bishop had asked for an item of her daughter's clothing so that his dog could get a scent from it. The court was told that twice as she searched she would have been close to where the girls' bodies lay.

In the statement, Mrs Hadaway said that when Ka-

ren did not return for tea, she and Mrs Fellows had searched the estate and became panicky when they were told they had been seen in Wild Park.

She had continued searching through the night. "I went out on my own searching everywhere," she said.

The next day she was in Wild Park when Mr Bishop approached her and asked if she had an item of Karen's clothing so his dog could get a scent of it. She arranged for him to get a white coat belonging to her daughter, and at one time joined him, his dog and two other men in the search.

The statement concluded: "I can think of no reason why this should have happened to Karen but I feel she must have gone with someone she knew and trusted."

Mrs Hadaway told the court that her daughter knew she was not allowed to go into Wild Park because it was dangerous.

In a statement read to the court, Mrs Susan Fellows, Nicola's mother, said her daughter did not like Mr Bishop's girlfriend, and called her a "slag" when the couple had called at her home on the day the girls disappeared.

Mr Roy Dadswell, a park constable, said that on the evening the girls disappeared he had seen two girls playing in a tree in Wild Park and had told them to be careful in case they fell. Shortly afterwards he saw a man, who the prosecution alleges is Bishop, in the park and talked to him for about five minutes. The hearing continues today.

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Two youths cleared of police officer's murder on estate

By Stewart Tandler

Two youths aged 15 were cleared yesterday of the murder of Police Constable Keith Blakelock at the Tottenham estate, by a jury at the Central Criminal Court acting on the direction of the judge.

One of them was freed because the judge found his police interviews inadmissible. They had included graphic details of the murder and claims that rioters planned to behead the constable and parade the head.

The second youth was cleared of the murder after the crown dropped its case. He remains on trial for riot and affray but the other youth was also cleared of these charges, which were said to have taken place on Broadwater Farm estate, north London, where PC Blakelock was attacked in October 1985.

Dealing with the case of the first youth Mr Justice Hodgson told the jury he had heard submissions in law from counsel for the youth.

The judge said: "As a matter of law for reasons which don't concern you I have decided that the interviews, the evidence of the interviews, in respect of the youth and the evidence given regarding him is inadmissible."

As the case depended on the interviews, the judge said he had to direct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The judge told the jury the other youth was being cleared of murder because the crown had decided not to proceed with that count against him.

He was speaking on the twenty-fifth day of the trial at the end of the crown case which began with six youths and men accused of murdering the policeman.

During the prosecution case against the first youth the court was told that he said to police he had seen the attack. He told them he believed

rioters were trying to cut off the policeman's head, put it on a pole and plant it in the grass before police lines. He said he was forced to attack PC Blakelock with a sword, wounding him on the leg and chest.

In the course of cross-examination the court was told the youth spent his second night in police custody in his undergarments and blanket after his clothes were taken away. He was still without his clothes when he was questioned the next day. After his arrest he was refused a solicitor.

The boy, then aged 13, was interviewed for three days after he and his family were arrested. He admitted stealing but was not then charged.

During the prosecution case against the second youth, the crown called as a witness Jason Cobham, aged 18, who identified the youth as part of the attack on the constable.

Under cross-examination he told the court he had received police protection, money, accommodation and help with finding a job.

He said he had lied about his role in the riot. He had actively taken part.

The court was told Cobham was fined £200 at Tottenham Magistrates' Court for stealing a soft drink and threatening behaviour. A friend who was with him but took a lesser role was given seven years' imprisonment for riot and affray.

Cobham denied doing a deal with the police. He said he recognized the 15-year-old by his dark jacket, shoes and jeans but admitted most of the youths were dressed similarly. In court he said the youth had been wearing a light coloured mask but he admitted that at committal proceedings he said the mask was dark.

Earlier, a Scotland Yard detective, giving evidence to-

wards the close of the prosecution, told the court he doubted the "integrity" of some defence lawyers he faced during the murder inquiry.

Det Chief Supt Graham Melvin, who led the investigation, told the court his reasons for excluding solicitors from interviews. He said: "There were incidents which cropped up which led me to believe that the integrity of some firms of solicitors left a lot to be desired."

In one, a witness called to a police station to make a statement giving someone an alibi was told not to do so by a solicitor. That, he said, amounted to a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

The detective itemized the incidents during cross-examination by Mr Rook Tansley, for Mark Braithwaite, one of the defendants. Mr Tansley was asking about the refusal to allow a solicitor access to a defendant.

Mr Melvin said his reasons were that other suspects might be alerted and forensic evidence lost or destroyed. Asked how that might happen he said a message could be passed wittingly or unwittingly.

He said people had been questioned about the alibi case but there were no charges.

Four still facing the charge of murdering PC Blakelock are Mr Braithwaite, aged 20, unemployed of Canonbury, north London; Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, from Marlesham, on the Broadwater Farm estate; Enghin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Wood Green, north London, and a youth aged 16. All four also face charges of riot and affray.

Mr Raghip is also accused of making or helping to make petrol bombs. The 16-year-old is accused of making petrol bombs and throwing one. The trial continues.



Bob Champion, the former jockey, in London yesterday with Aldanti to publicize the 1981 Grand National winner's walk, starting Sunday, to Aintree where he arrives on Grand National Day. Princess Anne and the Duchess of York will be among his riders and it is hoped to raise £500,000 for The Bob Champion Cancer Trust (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Princess at Centre of Hope

By Alan Hamilton

Princess Anne ventured among one of the poorest ethnic communities in Britain yesterday to visit a project directed at the 2,500-strong Bangladeshi community of Leeds.

As the Bengali word for hope, is the name of a neighbourhood centre in a house in a rundown street in the Beeston district of the city, where most of the Bangladeshi population live.

It is a project partly financed by the Save The Children Fund, of which the Princess is president.

A report last month by the select committee on home affairs identified Bangladeshis as "considerably the most disadvantaged" of all the country's large ethnic groups.

In Leeds their plight is magnified by an unemployment rate of more than 90 per cent. Bengali men who arrived 20 or 30 years ago to do the dirty work in the foundries and woollen mills now find their factories closed and themselves untrained for any other work.

A report to be published next month by Leeds Community Relations Council claims that the city's Bengali population suffers a "frightening" degree of racial harassment, almost entirely from whites.

Mrs Amina Hassan, who runs the Asha Centre, said: "Most of the families come from the backward rural area of Sylhet in Bangladesh. Most have no formal education and are unable even to do simple things on their own like visiting an ante-natal clinic. They understand neither the language nor the culture here."

Princess Anne met Bangladeshis women attending rudimentary health care and basic language classes at the centre, but had to talk through an interpreter.

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Wolverhampton death

Council to pay for inquiry

By Craig Seton

The family of a man who died in a struggle with two police officers announced plans yesterday to hold their own inquiry into his death with financial backing from the Labour-controlled Wolverhampton council.

Mrs Esther McCurbin, the dead man's mother, said she had no faith in an investigation by the Police Complaints Authority, and a new post-mortem examination would be carried out for the family.

Wolverhampton council said it would pay the costs of the post-mortem examination, the fees of London counsel to represent the family, and the air fare of Mrs McCurbin, who flew to England from her home in New York.

Mr Peter Bilson, the council's deputy leader, said "appropriate funds" would be made available.

Mrs McCurbin and her two brothers were speaking after the opening of an inquest in Wolverhampton on Clinton McCurbin, aged 24, who died during a struggle with two

police officers in the Next fashion shop in Wolverhampton last Friday.

The inquest was told Mr McCurbin was being arrested for allegedly using a stolen credit card and a struggle developed. His death led to two days of disorder in Wolverhampton, when crowds smashed shop windows and looted goods.

Mrs McCurbin and her two brothers have appointed Mr Paul Boateng, the London solicitor, to represent them.

At yesterday's inquest, Mr Boateng condemned a "disgraceful and deplorable" suggestion by the West Midlands police that Mr McCurbin was under the influence of drugs when he died, and that drugs had contributed to his death.

He said a post-mortem examination carried out by two pathologists showed that drugs were not connected with his death.

Mr Boateng said later that Mr McCurbin was "happy, healthy and honest when he died", and the family was not satisfied that a Police Com-

plaints Authority investigation or an inquest was "a reliable way of getting at the truth".

Dr Kenneth Scott, a Home Office pathologist, told the inquest that Mr McCurbin died from "asphyxia consistent with the effects of occlusion of the airway".

A police spokesman said later that a press release indicating Mr McCurbin had died from cardiac arrest associated with drug abuse had added this was subject to a post-mortem examination.

The inquest was adjourned. ● Attackers claiming to represent an unknown militant black group hurled bricks at the homes of Mr John Bird, Labour leader of Wolverhampton council, and Mrs Mel Chevanne-Reeves, chairman of the council's social services committee, early yesterday.

Telephone lines to Mr Bird's home were cut before a brick wrapped in clingfilm was thrown through a window. A note inside referred to a group calling itself the "Black Liberation Front".

Union official walked out on Russian bank

Soviet bank directors feared being branded union bashers, an industrial tribunal at Ebury Bridge, south-west London, was told yesterday.

They ordered managers of London's Moscow Narodny Bank to take a "softly softly" approach with Mr Tony Palmer, a union representative, Mr George Styles, the London bank's deputy general manager, said.

Mr Palmer, aged 39, of Darwin Drive, Tonbridge, Kent, claims unfair dismissal and says he was victimized.

The tribunal was told that Mr Palmer walked out of his job as the bank's health and safety officer after he was reprimanded for spending too much time on union business.

The case continues today.

Husband 'bragged of the perfect murder'

A prison officer accused of murdering his first wife 21 years ago boasted that he had got away with the perfect murder, his second wife said yesterday.

Mrs Selina Masterman, aged 51, told Nottingham Crown Court: "He actually bragged about it. He said Nottinghamshire police were as thick as two short planks and that he had got away with the perfect murder."

Bryn Masterman, aged 47, of Newland Street West, Lincoln, denies murdering his first wife, Janet, at their home in Wilford, Nottingham, in May 1965.

Mrs Masterman, of North Hykeham, near Lincoln, admitted "steering the conversation" to get Mr Masterman to say he was responsible for his

first wife's death.

The court has been told that police recorded a conversation between Mrs Masterman and her husband after she reported the alleged murder.

She had gone to the police after he had left her last April. Mr Masterman told an inquest at the time of his first wife's death that she had slipped on the stairs sustaining fatal head injuries, and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

But Mrs Selina Masterman told the court that Mr Masterman had allegedly hit his first wife twice over the head and then pushed her down the stairs. She has said Mr Masterman told her of his plans to kill his first wife so that they could be together.

The case continues today.

Skin graft infected patient with Aids

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Doctors and transplant surgeons are being given a new warning about the hazards of Aids transmission after a hospital patient became infected through a skin graft.

The case, believed to be the only one of its kind in the world, occurred at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, south-west London.

The patient, a man from the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, received skin donated by another patient in the hospital's burns unit.

The skin was tested for traces of Aids but the operation went ahead before the doctors received the test results, because of delays in the screening procedure.

The Government's chief medical officer, Sir Donald Acheson, is shortly to write to all doctors reminding them that tissues for transplantation should be taken only from donors who were known to be negative for antibodies to the Aids virus.

Guidelines were first issued to doctors and transplant units more than a year ago. Testing of donors for antibodies before transplant tissues or organs are removed is now routine.

The case represents a setback in the efforts by health experts to reduce public anxieties about the risks of Aids infection during hospital operations.

The prompt response of Dr Acheson reflects the concern to reduce such risks further than has so far been achieved.

The case was brought to the attention of senior officials at the Department of Health, but a spokeswoman there said yesterday that the details of individual cases could not be discussed.

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Man 'lied to protect pop star'

An alleged heroin dealer said he lied to police to protect Boy George, the pop singer. Steven Luben, a music promoter, claimed he knew nothing of the singer's drugs habit.

Mr Luben, aged 36, also confessed that when he was interviewed by drug squad officers after his arrest on July 8 last year, he covered up for another male singer, Marilyn, Boy George's friend.

Kingsbridge Crown Court was told that Mr Luben told police: "I met George through a friend. I didn't know he was on drugs until recently when it came out in the Press."

But after the interview extract was read to him by Mr Anthony Berry, his counsel, Mr Luben said he had lied.

He said: "I was nervous. The truth is I knew George had been on drugs, but he told me he had stopped and was having treatment." Mr Luben also admitted lying about Marilyn taking drugs.

Mr Luben and Miss Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, deny plotting to supply Boy George and others with heroin.

The case continues today.

Car charge dismissed

A charge of damaging a car in relation to the Wapping dispute was dismissed at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday when the prosecution offered no evidence.

Mr Frank Simonovitch, aged 40, an unemployed printer, of Princess Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, was charged with damaging a Volvo Estate car at Pennington Street, Wapping, east London, on January 19.

The case continues today.

Car seat to beat backache

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

A car seat that automatically gives the driver a back massage to relieve stiffness induced by hours of driving could make the stop in a lay-by for a moment's stretch a thing of the past.

The seat is likely to have side and back cushions that are rapidly pumped up and then deflated. But a computer will be needed to control this movement if the driver is not to feel as if he or she is sitting on a water bed.

Ford engineers are developing the massaging driver's seat because the greatly improved lateral and lumbar support in modern car seats has tended to give the driver less freedom to move and so relieve muscle fatigue and stiffness.

Mr David Bowler, the chief seat engineer at Ford's Dunton research centre, said: "On long journeys you could have a seat that oscillates and gives you a massage as you drive along. Work is being done to see how much massage is needed."

A sophisticated seat will require sophisticated computer control as the oscillation of the seat cushions must not be detected by the driver.

The seat, which is unlikely to be seen in production for several years, is being jointly developed by Ford engineers and researchers at Münster University, West Germany.

● Free road safety training is to be offered by the largest motorcycle manufacturers to buyers of new motorcycles and motor-cycles up to 125cc.

Honda, which accounts for more than 40 per cent of the new motorcycles sold in Britain, is to pay the £12 training fee for all buyers of its new machines.

The scheme, which starts on March 1, offers four hours of free tuition at one of the 600 centres run by the National Motorcycle Training Scheme and the British Motorcycle Federation.

Up to 20,000 inexperienced motorcyclists are expected to take advantage of the offer.

'Instant experts' on food criticized

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A concerted attack on self-styled nutritional experts and on the exploitation of public concern about diet and health was made yesterday at the annual conference of the Food and Drink Federation.

Professor Vincent Marks, professor of clinical biochemistry at Surrey University, said that almost anyone with a smattering of knowledge of the terminology could claim to be an expert on nutrition.

"If this is combined with an ability to wield a pen, write persuasively and project oneself on the radio and television as an expert, we have the generation of instant authority," he said.

The growth of the instant expert had coincided with that of a small but vocal group of individuals who believed, quite sincerely, that the public should be told what was "good for them" and what was not.

Such individuals generally sailed under the name of health educators, but should more properly be described as propagandists, Professor Marks said.

Legislation, long overdue, had now been introduced to ensure that foods were labelled more informatively than in the past.

But some information requested by consumer groups

was based upon ignorance of biology, or prejudice, such as the differentiation of carbohydrates into starches and sugars, and the latter, even more irrationally, into "natural" and "added" sugars, as though the body handled them any differently.

Professor Marks said that food labelling should be not only within the law but also intellectually honest.

To claim that products contained "no added sugars" when, like fruit juices, they were already so full of sugar put there by nature, was equivalent to selling gin with a label saying "no added alcohol".

Mr Jerry Shively, chairman of McKinnon-Erickson Ltd, blamed the media for overdoing the issue of food and health with too much contradiction.

● More than four people out of five say that the present ban on irradiation as a means of preserving food should remain, and that they would not buy irradiated food, a Marplan poll commissioned by the London Food Commission shows.

Dr Tim Lang, director of the commission, described the result as a vote of no confidence in assurances by the food industry that irradiation posed no health risk.

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English National Opera's cash crisis

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

The English National Opera faces a grim financial future, in spite of strenuous efforts to increase income and cut costs.

A report by a team of management consultants published yesterday said that the company could run up a deficit of almost £1 million, largely because of economic factors outside its control.

The scrutiny by Price Waterhouse, a director of the company, said: "It faces quite a tough financial future. At some stage, if nothing further is done, it will run into a deficit of the order of £900,000."

The report called on the Government, the Arts Council and Westminster City Council to invest an additional

programme of cutting production costs and increasing ticket sales and sponsorship, and to produce a balanced budget for 1987-88.

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£2.5 million in the company over the next five years, in return for a pledge to implement recommendations made by the consultants.

These included raising prices for the best seats from £18.50 to £22.

Westminster City Council said last night that it had promised to increase its grant to the company next year by 4.5 per cent to almost £1.2 million, and called on the Arts Council to match the percentage rise.

The Arts Council's grant for next year of £6.7 million represents an increase of 2.6 per cent over the previous year.

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PARLIAMENT

Decision soon on helicopters, House told

An announcement about the requirements of the Armed Forces for support helicopters would be made within the next few weeks, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, told MPs during Commons questions.

He said that a study nearing completion was addressing itself to how many helicopters were needed for military requirements in the near future.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) asked for three assurances.

Would Mr Younger consult fully with the company (Westland) before the final decision was made? Would he realize that the phasing of orders was as important as the number? "Drip-feeding" Westland would be disastrous. Would he accept that the helicopter fleet in the European central plain was very deficient? One expert had said that there was only a meagre capacity.

If Mr Younger did not recognize those facts, he would be letting down the country.

Mr Younger: I can give him the first two answers. He asks for. On the third point, he was trying to anticipate the outcome of the study we have begun. It has been very wide-ranging with the object of establishing very firmly what our requirements will be. Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab) said that it had taken some time to resolve this and that the company was in great danger of not surviving.

Mr Younger: Exercises had taken place two years ago in central Europe which had given the Government

food for thought as to what its real requirements were going to be in the future. As a result, the study was trying to articulate exactly what the needs would be.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C) said that the Army was equipped with a very small number of helicopters. There was a strong case for increasing mobility rather than purchasing say, more tanks. Would he agree to equip a new mobile brigade with Lynx helicopters from Westland?

Mr Younger said he would not make that comparison with tanks. It was certainly the case that there were requirements for more mobility.

Mr Dennis Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said that there really was no future for Westland as a manufacturing company making helicopters without substantial orders from the British Government, in particular from the Ministry of Defence.

There was no military requirement for the Black Hawk helicopter,

contrary to what was said in some circles during the famous battle for Westland.

Mr Younger said he had not yet come to a conclusion as to what type of helicopter might be required. As far as the need for helicopters and increasing their use was concerned, that was what the study had been designed to establish.

Mr James Spence (Dorset West, C) said that the team from Westland had made the position of that company totally clear.

Airlines may have to be fined

Penalties against airlines and other carriers that have brought to the United Kingdom passengers who have not proper documents to enable them to enter the country may be made retrospective if the Government decides to emulate the example of other countries and impose fines. The Prime Minister said during question time that the Government was urgently considering the matter.

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) asked her to consider urgently adopting the practice of India, Pakistan, the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and many others to impose fines on those who brought people into the country without valid entry documents.

Mrs Thatcher: It is crucially important that airlines do not bring people in unless they have proper documentation.

Anglo-Irish deal pledge

A call for all party leaders to make clear that, whatever the outcome of the British general election, it would make no difference to the Anglo-Irish agreement was made by Mr John Hume (Foye, SDLP) during Prime Minister's question time. He added that the parties should agree not to power bargain on the issue.

Mrs Thatcher: These agreements are signed between countries, and not between parties. The Anglo-Irish agreement, and therefore they will continue.

Apology for the Speaker

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab) apologized to the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, and the House for his "discourtesy and disregard" for parliamentary conduct on Monday.

"I realize my words could have been interpreted as a personal accusation against a right honourable member of this House. I withdraw the phrase as a question of fact. The Speaker said he accepted the apology."

Assurance on loft fibres

There is no reason for householders to remove man-made mineral fibres from their lofts, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, said in a written reply after a World Health Organization report indicating an increased lung-cancer risk from such products.

He said that the Government had worked in hand to collect more data and assess risks and would give further advice and take action as necessary. Householders should take simple precautions already recommended when working in lofts or other places where the insulation was exposed.

Penalty cash

The only Ministry of Defence contract where the maximum possible cancellation charge is set at 125 per cent of the contract price is for the first Trident boat, HMS Vanguard, but once the contract for the second boat had been placed, the normal liability of 100 per cent would apply to both contracts, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said during Commons questions.

Terror Act

The fight against terrorism would be helped if the Opposition would stop opposing renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's question time.

Labour onslaught on Government 'blacklegs charter'

If the proposals contained in a Green Paper on further trade union reform had been enacted earlier, it would have made two important differences to the Wapping dispute between News International and the printing unions, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General and Minister for Employment, said when repeating in the Commons a statement first made in the Lords by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment.

First, any individual Sogat wholesale worker could have got an order restraining his union from calling a strike without balloting the wholesale workers. In particular, the new proposal would have insisted on no industrial action until after a ballot and so would have stopped the union committing suicide.

Second, no disciplinary action could have been so lightly undertaken by the National Union of Journalists against its journalists or by the TGWU against its lorry drivers.

Mr Clarke said that the Green Paper, *Trade Unions: The Future*, set out a number of possible changes, on which comments were invited, as a basis for further legislation. He called it another step to strengthen the rights of individuals within the union and to reinforce their ability to exercise those rights.

But Mr John Evans, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said it was a further petty, vindictive and miserable attack on the rights of millions of trade unionists and an extension of the blacklegs' charter.

He added that people such as Mr Rupert Murdoch had already used the existing legislation, passed by this Government, in the worst possible fashion. They had created companies the effect of which had been to deny to workers their basic human rights in relation to their contract of employment.

In his statement, Mr Clarke said that the Government had closely observed the impact of the legislation it had already passed, and in general progress had been marked and encouraging.

But some unions had declined the opportunity to put their house in order and union members had not always felt able to take a stand and ensure that abuses were corrected. It was therefore clear that further steps needed to be taken, as outlined in the Green Paper.

The Government had always believed that individuals should be able to choose for themselves whether or not to belong to a trade union, and it objected strongly to attempts to coerce an employer into putting someone out of work on the ground that he did not belong to any union or to a particular union.

"Our earlier measures have certainly reduced the scope for the worst excesses of the closed shop. However, I am afraid that in some industries the power of the closed shop still remains. We therefore propose measures which will end the legal protection of a post-entry closed shop in any circumstances.

The present law allowed a

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closed shop to be enforced if a weighted majority of employees voted for it in a ballot. In the cases where ballots had produced a lawful closed shop the rights of many individuals to choose whether to join a union had been extinguished.

Experience had shown that unions' legitimate interests were not seriously weakened where the closed shop was not protected by law. The repeal of balloting provisions for the closed shop would give any individual dismissed for not belonging to a union the right to compensation for unfair dismissal.

The Government also proposed to end all legal immunity for industrial action designed to force an employer to create or maintain any closed shop.

"In short, we are proposing to end completely the use of the law in circumstances to sustain the closed shop."

Union members must have the right to a secret vote in the direct election and re-election of



Mr John Evans: Minister's vindictive attack.

their leaders. The 1984 Act established such a right for the election of the voting members of union executives and created a presumption that postal ballots would be used.

"A large number of trade unions have retained workplace ballots and the conduct of such ballots continues to give rise to controversy. Now is the time to act against these abuses."

Since 1984 unions had had the time and opportunity to draw up lists of membership of sufficient quality to serve as electoral rolls, so there was no longer any reason why there should not be a move to the most secure method of balloting available - the secret postal vote under independent supervision.

In practice, not all trade union leaders had been required to be elected. The Government now proposed to make presidents, general secretaries and any other officers with seats on the executive subject to direct democratic election.

The right to choose to go to work during industrial action was an essential freedom. Union members were entitled to com-

time to work if they disagreed with the union's strike call.

"At the moment, legislation does not give union members any right to take action to restrain their unions from calling a strike without a ballot. Nor do they have any statutory protection against disciplinary action by their union if they cross a picket line or carry on working during a dispute. We propose to give them both."

Recent events had thrown light on the unusual ways in which some unions ran their financial affairs. Union members ought to be seriously concerned about some of the manoeuvres that had been used to evade or circumvent the jurisdiction of the courts when unions found themselves in conflict with the law.

The Green Paper considered possible safeguards that might be enacted in legislation, of which the most fundamental was the right of access for every member, accompanied by a professional adviser, to current union accounting records.

"It is not enough to provide rights and protections for individual citizens if they in practice find it too daunting to claim them. As things stand, trade union members need to be exceptionally determined and courageous if they are to embark on the process of enforcing the full rights which the law now gives them."

So it was clear that there was now a need for a new commissioner for trade union affairs to advise and support union members who needed to make formal complaints and perhaps take legal action against unions and their officials who appeared to be failing to comply with statutory duties.

The new commissioner would help to make sure that trade unionists could exercise their existing rights and the new rights proposed in the Green Paper.

Mr Evans said that it was savagely ironic that this statement had originally been introduced by a Secretary of State sitting in the House of Lords who had not been elected by anybody to anything. For him to speak about democratic rights in trade unions was therefore hypocrisy of the highest order.

The Government said it wanted to extend the rights of trade union members was the same Government that had destroyed the employment rights of millions of workers and was now abolishing the rights of teachers to have any sort of trade union rights or free collective bargaining at all.

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Consultations would be completed by early May.



Mr Kenneth Clarke: We want to end the legal protection of post-entry closed shops.

Devonport dockyard contract causes Opposition anger

DEFENCE

The Secretary of State for Defence today signed a seven-year contract with Devonport Management Ltd to run Devonport dockyard. MPs were told in a Commons statement.

Mr George Younger said that he had consulted the trade unions and that the shareholdings in the consortium had changed.

BICC, acting through its subsidiary Balfour Beatty, had joined the consortium. BICC, Brown and Root and the West Group now each held 29.9 per cent of the shares, with the balance of 10.3 per cent held by Barclays de Zoete Wedd in trust to provide an incentive scheme for key employees.

He added: "I met general secretaries and other trade union representatives on February 13 to discuss the way ahead on Devonport. The unions made clear to us that they remained as opposed as they always have been to the introduction of commercial management, continuing to prefer the idea of a dockyard trading fund with the workforce remaining in the Civil Service."

It remains our view that a dockyard trading fund, which is the option involving minimum change, is unlikely to secure the improvements in efficiency we need or to compete as successfully as a commercial company for commercial and naval non-core work.

We have provided a great deal of information to the unions on our proposed changes to the management of the dockyards over a very long period. I am grateful to the unions for the work they have done in recent weeks to consult the workforce locally.

I have considered closely the points they have put to me. These have included requests for the contract which we have already signed, in respect of Rosyth dockyard, and the one we have negotiated with Devonport Management Ltd, to be made public; but I am sure the House will understand the reasons of commercial confidentiality that prevent me from meeting that request.

However, I have made every effort to provide all the relevant information I can.

I am fully aware of my obligations to inform and consult the trade unions and I am satisfied that I have complied with such duties as the Act imposed on me at this stage.

I have therefore authorized the signature today of a seven-year term contract for the future operation of Devonport dockyard from April 6 1987 with Devonport Management Ltd.

We are also signing a service contract with the company to cover its operations in the dockyard from now until vesting day during which time the management of the dockyard will remain the responsibility of my department.

I have renewed my invitation to the trade unions to devote the period between now and vesting day to useful discussions on matters affecting the workforce and have proposed a series of meetings.

Mr Dennis Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence, said that the statement indicated that the Government had previously made up its mind and that talk about consultation was a sham.

There was evidence to show that the dockyard could be run commercially and efficiently by means of a trading fund within the public sector.

The changes would lead to lower efficiency, lower standards of service to the Royal Navy and ultimately higher costs to the taxpayer.

The Government had now destroyed what was described as the Gibraltar, Portsmouth, Devonport and Rosyth. The lead company would be Brown and Root, a foreign-owned subsidiary. What expertise and experience did they have of running dockyards?

There would be a lowering of engineering standards and at least 5,000 redundancies at Devonport.

Finally, why was there not to be a share incentive scheme for all employees? Mr Younger said that the consultations were to find out whether any of the alternatives would be better for the future of the dockyard. Those working there would be distressed to hear Mr Davies talking about destruction of the yard.

Brown and Root had wide experience of engineering work in the United States and this country, and there was no reason to believe that they would have any lower standards.

He understood from the new managers that they expected 2,300 redundancies over four years.

Mr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport), leader of the SDP, asked for justification for restricting the shares. He said that the new management had been criticized not just by the unions, but also by industrialists.

Mr Younger said that the shareholding system set up the best opportunity for good and sound management for the company. He noted what Mr Owen had said and it could be considered.

Frigates promise

Fleet stays at present size

TRIDENT

It was expected that the Royal Navy frigate fleet would remain at about fifty, its present figure, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions about the Trident programme.

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, had asked for a specific assurance on the future of frigates and of the surface fleet. He referred to a *Sunday Telegraph* disclosure "on the likelihood of our frigate fleet dropping to 44 or 45 within two years". He wanted confirmation that that was not so and that frigates would not suffer because of the Trident programme.

Mr Younger also told him that in this financial year the Government had placed orders for three Type-23 frigates.

Earlier, Mr Roy Hargreaves (Newport East, Lab) sought an assurance that conventional defence support, including the frigate ordering programme, would not suffer because of increased spending on Trident.

Mr Younger gave such an assurance, particularly, he said, as Trident was not expected to cost more than 3 per cent of the total defence budget or, in the peak year, 6 per cent.

Later, in answer to Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP), who had said that that expenditure on Trident would make it difficult to sustain expenditure on the RAF, the Royal Navy and the Army, Mr Younger said that he was en-

tirely wrong. Trident was very good value for money and if any single programme was to make difficulties it would probably be Trident rather than Trident.

● The United Kingdom continued to support the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) research programme and United Kingdom participation in it, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions.

Replying to Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L), who asked for his assessment on the implications for the UK if there was any acceleration of deployment by the US, Mr Younger said the position remained as agreed at Camp David. SDI-related deployment would, in view of treaty obligations, have to be a matter for negotiation.

Mr Beith asked what Mr Younger had meant when he had said that if Britain's views were not taken into account, it would have to consider what its action would be. Did he mean that British participation in the SDI programme would be ended? If not, why not?

Mr Younger said he had been asked what the reaction would be if he were told that the US had some change in SDI policy. He had replied that he would have to see what these proposals were.

Mr Dennis Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence

and disarmament, asked him to confirm that the British Government would be opposed to any participation in the SDI programme where that programme meant cutting what was called the narrow interpretation of the treaty.

Mr Younger: I made it clear that we are content with the position as of now. If there were to be any change in the US policy we certainly would be concerned and we would wish to be consulted before such changes were made.

● The recent public complaint by a leading RAF Harrier pilot, Squadron Leader Mark Hare, about his being grounded and sent to a desk job and then, on resigning his commission, being told that he would have to wait three years for release, was the subject of exchanges during defence questions in the Commons.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, pointed out that at any one time about a third of RAF pilots, of whom there were about 3,500 in total, were on essential ground duties in furtherance of their careers.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on priorities for the elderly and on health care and services for the elderly.

Lords (2.30): Debates on unilateral disarmament and on prison conditions.

Jenkins arrives for a little downmarket electioneering

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Jenkins, whose renowned sense of smell encompasses politics as well as fine claret, took a sniff of the chill morning air in Greenwich yesterday, and said: "I scent victory."

Such predictions, eagerly sought by journalists covering by-elections but rarely offered by the SDP's most charismatic figure, should not be taken lightly. For on the few occasions Mr Jenkins has savoured the political bouquet of a by-election dogfight and pronounced it a winner he has invariably been proved correct - Hillhead, Crosby, Bermondsey...

Mr Jenkins, taking time off from his own "electioneering" in the more refined atmosphere of Oxford where he is a candidate for the university chancellorship, said that only two weeks ago he felt he had been "very considerably" changing his arm by saying that the Greenwich poll was developing in a way that could end in a very exciting result.

"I didn't go any further than that. I was asked if I scented victory, a phrase I have used before. I said I would give the answer at the next press conference. Well this is the next press conference."

"Do I scent victory? Certainly. Absolutely certainly, without any question. I don't absolutely count upon it yet, but I scent it. It is well within my grasp."

More important, an Alliance victory would "bust" two political myths, he said. The first much beloved by Mr Norman Tebbit and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, was that a vote for the Alliance would let Labour in.

"The second myth that goes is the serious possibility of a Labour government after the next election."

"It is honestly not remotely credible that you can have a party struggling desperately to hold a seat which has been theirs unvaryingly since 1945 and believe that within months of that, that party is going nationally to achieve the greatest turnover of seats in its favour of any party since 1945 - because that is what is required to come within striking distance of a Labour government."

Certainly the Labour Party appears only too well aware that anything but victory would represent catastrophe. Yesterday it brought in 50 MPs in an attempt to boost

what appears to be an ailing campaign.

Privately, some Labour MPs are predicting a despatch of a seat finish, with Mrs Deirdre Wood, the hard-left candidate, just managing to hold on, due more than anything to the "sympathy" vote that they hope will result from some of the below-the-belt press attacks on her in recent days.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, who, politically, is poles apart from Mrs Wood, yesterday paid tribute to her for the way she had conducted herself during the campaign.

"Deirdre and I disagree on a number of policies. Notwithstanding that, I am full of admiration for the way she has stood up to the last three weeks of, I believe, intolerable treatment. She has had more things thrown at her and dropped on her than any candidate I have known in a by-election campaign."

With the opinion polls showing the Conservative vote having collapsed, Mr John Antcliffe, the Tory candidate, was reduced to relying on a low turnout and superior party organization for a good performance.

Race against time for Labour Party

The Greenwich by-election, in which voters go to the polls this Thursday, appeared last night to have become a race against time for the Labour Party to hold off a strengthening SDP/Liberal Alliance challenge. The latest evidence from the polls is that the Conservative vote is collapsing as Tories switch their votes to the Alliance.

The unknown factor at this stage is how any backlash

against the series of personal attacks on Labour's left-wing candidate, Mrs Deirdre Wood, will affect the outcome.

Whatever the result of the Greenwich poll, there is likely to be much heated political debate afterwards on the role played in the campaign by the publication of a series of opinion polls that have charted the Alliance advance.

This is how the polls have

How polls have charted the changing picture

Pollster/Fieldwork date	Sample	Lab	Cons	All/ce
Harris/Jan 7-8	836	60	25	15
Newsnight/Jan 31/Feb 1	871	48	25	24
Newsnight/Feb 8	820	43	25	31
Harris/Feb 12-13	871	48	25	28
NOP/Feb 14-18	743	40	23	35
Harris/Feb 16-18	870	46	22	32
NOP/Feb 19-20	818	46	16	37
Telephone Surveys Ltd/Feb 20	900	32	17	27
Newsnight/Feb 21	1014	43	18	39

* Telephone recall from earlier poll.

* No redistribution of don't knows according to first preference.

Attacks condemned

Personal attacks on Mrs Deirdre Wood by newspapers were condemned during Prime Minister's question time.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) asked Mrs Thatcher to "condemn utterly" the vicious personal and dishonest attacks by certain papers against Deirdre Wood, the Lab-

our candidate in the Greenwich by-election.

"Since she clearly has such influence with those newspapers, will she call the editors in?"

Mrs Thatcher: I am the first to condemn vicious personal attacks from whatever quarter they come.

Government throws down new challenge to power of unions

By Tim Jones

Wide-ranging government proposals to extend to union members "the effective protection they are entitled to in a free society" are certain to ensure trade union power becomes an election issue.

For although the proposals cannot become law during the term of this Parliament, they will be seized on by the Labour Party and trade union leaders as further proof of their contention that the Government is seeking to emasculate them.

According to the Government, which published its proposals yesterday in a Green Paper, *Trade Unions and their Members*, more needs to be done to make them accountable and responsible to their members.

If they become law, the proposals will directly challenge some of the powers at present enjoyed by unions, and lead to the establishment of a Commissioner with power to underwrite the legal costs of court action taken by a member against his union.

The main proposals of the Green Paper are:

- The right to work in spite of a strike call.
- Freedom to enforce legal rights.

- Power for union members to restrain unions from breach of employment contract.
 - Establishment of a Commissioner for Trade Union Affairs.
 - Statutory duty on union trustees to obey court order.
 - Right of access for members to union accounts.
 - Removal of union immunity from industrial action to establish a closed shop.
 - Require union officials to stand for election.
 - New powers for Certification Officer.
 - High compensation for expelled trade unionist.
- The proposals would ensure that no further closed shops could become approved and all dismissals for non-union membership would be automatically unfair. And there would be no legal immunity for industrial action to enforce a closed shop.
- Once on the statute book, the changes would allow an individual, expelled from his union and not readmitted for choosing to exercise his "essential freedom" to work in spite of calls for industrial action, to seek compensation "at a deterrent level" from the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The legal provisions which allow a non-union member to be dismissed fairly on grounds of non-union membership, where there is an "approved" closed shop, would be removed.

In addition, a future Conservative government will extend the Trade Union Act 1984 to force union leaders, such as Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, to face elections every five years. At present, Mr Scargill and others are exempt because they do not exercise a vote on their executive committees.

Trade union democracy, the Green Paper proposes, should be extended to require all statutory trade union elections, for issues such as strike and political fund ballots, to be undertaken by the postal method and be subject to independent supervision.

At present, unions are immune from certain legal actions only if they first organize a secret ballot of their members before taking industrial action. Under the new proposals, unions would in future have to secure the support of the majority of their members before calling a strike.

That duty would be enforceable by any member due to take part in the industrial action on application to the High Court, which would have the power to restrain a union from authorizing or endorsing unbalanced industrial action.

The paper also says that union members should have the right to see their union's detailed accounts and be allowed to take with them professional advisers.

Those responsible for conducting union affairs, the paper suggests, should be deprived of the capacity to breach the terms of court orders. One way would be to impose a statutory duty on trade union trustees to prevent funds being spent in defiance of the court.

If the duty was breached, union members could refer the matter to the courts, opening the way for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the union's affairs if the breach continued or was not rectified.

According to the Green Paper, there are now seen to be deficiencies and inadequacies in the enforcement of statutory duties, such as the elections to executive committees and the compilation and maintenance of registers of members' names and addresses.

It maintains that the powers of the Certification Officer to remedy breaches are not comprehensive, and the High Court is not being used.

Under the new proposals, the Certification Officer would have the power to specify the steps needed to remedy the breach and to impose a timescale for remedial action.

Battle of wills on members' rights

For some union leaders, particularly those who have their jobs for life, the election of Mrs Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister heralded the emergency of a new dark age, when trade union rights were savaged by "the most reactionary Government in living memory". (Tim Jones writes).

But thousands of their members have welcomed many of the changes enacted in trade union legislation since 1979, some of which will be retained if the Labour Party wins the next election.

Essentially, the battle has been waged between the Government's conviction that its measures have been designed to "restore unions to the members" and the attitude of some hard-left union leaders who maintain they are the sole guardians of working class aspirations.

The foundations for the new proposals were laid during the miners' strike when Mr Arthur Scargill and his executive decided to bring out their members without a ballot.

They were cemented during the year-long dispute between the print unions and News International when people who chose not to join the strike were abused and intimidated.

Since Mrs Thatcher entered Downing Street, there have been at least seven big changes in industrial relations laws.

One removed from trade unions legal immunities from forms of industrial action such as indiscriminate secondary

strikes and the use of "flying pickets".

Unions were made liable to legal actions for injunctions and damages for organizing unlawful industrial action. A condition of legal immunity was that before calling a strike secret ballots had to be held.

Legislation enacted since then also meant that union officials and members of policy-making executive committees had to be elected at least every five years.

Under present legislation, members of trade unions with political funds can vote at regular intervals on whether their unions should continue to spend money on electoral and party political matters.

Laws also provided new protection against unfair dismissal for non-union employees in a closed shop.

With union membership falling at a rate disproportionate to the decline in employment, the Government is convinced that its radical departure from the "tea and sandwiches" approach, which epitomized the relationship between unions and Labour governments, is correct.

Some unions, such as the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union and the Amalgamated Engineering Union, have scarcely been affected by the changes; they have practised electoral democracy for years.

Other unions, however, remain implacably opposed to interference in their affairs.



Rear-Admiral Lord Nelson does his little-known imitation of Charles Chaplin at the top of his 170ft-high column in London's Trafalgar Square, helped by stonemason Richard Paffett yesterday.

The stony-faced admiral is being spring-cleaned almost twenty years since he last had the pigeon pollution and city grime removed from his naval uniform. The clean-up, at a cost of £31,000 is planned to be completed by June this year.

The monument, designed by William Railton and erected in 1839-42, supports a stone statue of Britain's greatest sea hero which was raised in 1843. (Photograph: James Gray)

Training for top jobs ended

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government is to end a job training scheme which has helped more than 22,700 redundant executives and managers to find work.

The decision to end the Bridge programme, which is supported by a £1.7 million annual grant from the Manpower Services Commission, was described yesterday as a tragedy for unemployed professionals.

Mr Roland Pearson, the programme's course director at the Polytechnic of Central London, said the programme had proved of great value. Under it, jobless managers and executives aged over 25 spend 13 weeks part-time at a polytechnic or college of further education being guided towards new jobs.

Some 1,200 candidates had been helped at the Polytechnic of Central London during the last four years and about 900 had secured jobs.

"Who will bother about this highly trained, highly skilled group now?", Mr Pearson said.

"The decision is a tragedy for unemployed professionals".

The commission said that the Bridge programme would be covered by the new Job Training Scheme which was being extended.

A spokesman said that the programme's work would be done by the Government's Job Clubs, centres where the unemployed are given facilities to seek and apply for jobs. The number of clubs is to be increased from 339 to 1,000.

Technology colleges Hanson gives school £1m

by John Clare, Education Correspondent

The first of the city technology colleges proposed by Mr Kenneth Baker at the Conservative Party conference last year is to receive £1 million in sponsorship from Hanson Trust, a company which already contributes substantially to Conservative Party funds.

The announcement was made by Mr Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, at Kingshurst School in Solihull, West Midlands, where the new college is due to open in September 1988.

It will be part of a planned network of 20 colleges funded by the Government and independent of local authority control, each of which will offer a broad curriculum with a strong bias towards science and technology to up to 1,000 pupils aged 11 to 18.

Mr Baker has said the colleges will be a beacon for others to follow by demonstrating what can be achieved in a disciplined school community with clear objectives and priorities.

He hoped the college (which will not bear Hanson's name) would help British youth

not happen had been founded.

Also present at the brief but triumphant ceremony was Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson Industries, Hanson Trust's American subsidiary. He handed Mr Baker a copy of a deed showing that the trust had undertaken to pay Solihull council, which owns the school, £1 million for a 125-year lease on the buildings and playing fields.

The celebrations were only slightly marred by the admission that the deed includes an 18-month escape clause allowing Hanson to recover its investment should Labour win the next election and decline to pay the school's running costs.

Sir Gordon said his experience in the United States had taught him that the strength of the American economy was closely bound up with its educational system.

He said many jobs in the West Midlands were unfilled because of a lack of technological expertise.

He hoped the college (which will not bear Hanson's name) would help British youth

understand what industry needs. He also hoped that now Hanson had put a toe in the water, other companies would join in the sponsorship.

Mr Baker, beaming with pleasure, congratulated Hanson on being a tremendous example of British initiative and drive and thanked Sir Gordon for his far-sighted and generous contribution.

It was left to Mr Bob Meacham, leader of the Conservative-controlled council, to try to explain where the college would find its pupils given that Kingshurst and seven other schools in the area are in the process of being closed because of falling rolls.

Kingshurst itself has only a quarter of its pupils left and half the school is boarded up. But Mr Meacham said the college's catchment area would extend into neighbouring Birmingham, and he was confident that the school would have no difficulty recruiting either pupils, who will be selected on the basis of their aptitude, or teachers, who were likely to be paid more than the normal rate.

Aerospace £2bn trade surplus sets record

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Britain's booming aerospace industry brought a record trade surplus of almost £2,000 million to the country in 1986.

The 300 companies involved in producing everything from aircraft to avionics instruments earned £4,750 million from exports, £500 million more than in the previous year and double the value earned in real terms 10 years ago.

When offset against the £2,800 million of aerospace products imported in 1986 that gave an overall balance of trade in Britain's favour of marginally under £2,000 million.

It means 8 per cent of all Britain's exports of manufactured goods now come from aerospace companies which at present employ more than 200,000 people and look set to expand further.

Car seat belts cut deaths of passengers

Passengers thrown out of cars in road accidents are four times more likely to be killed than if they are strapped in, according to a research report published today. The chances of being seriously injured are more than three times greater.

The report, by the Loughborough University Institute for Consumer Ergonomics, is being presented to an international congress of car-makers in Detroit next month.

Animal abuse on increase

The RSPCA is investigating record levels of cruelty to animals in Wales, according to figures published yesterday.

Complaints in the past year numbered 4,231, a rise of 33 per cent, and included cases of badger-baiting, horses being starved, a live cat being thrown into an incinerator and a dog that had its back broken after being thrown at a fence.

Four for trial over exports

Four men accused of illegally exporting high technology goods to the Eastern bloc have been committed for trial at Isleworth Crown Court, west London, by Uxbridge Magistrates' Court.

The goods include a circuit board testing system, a computer, integrated circuit boards and printed circuits.

Ejector seat kills workman

A man was killed yesterday at the British Aerospace factory at Woodford, Cheshire, after an ejector seat was fired from a jet aircraft in a bang.

Mr Basil Davidson, a fitter aged 55, was working on the ejector seat of a Buccaneer bomber when it shot from the cockpit.

Court of Appeal

Foetus not capable in law of being born alive

C & S

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Russell

[Judgment February 24]

A human foetus of between 18 and 21 weeks *en ventre sa mere* whose cardiac muscle was contracting and which showed signs of primitive movement but which was incapable of breathing was not "a child capable of being born alive" within the meaning of section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929.

The Court of Appeal so ruled, dismissing in part an appeal by the first plaintiff on his own behalf and as the next friend of the second plaintiff, his illegitimate child *en ventre sa mere*, from the decision of Mrs Justice Heilbron (*The Times* February 24) who refused his application for an injunction to prevent the termination of the first defendant's pregnancy. The second defendant, Oxford Area Health Authority, took no direct part in the proceedings.

The court gave brief reasons for dismissing the appeal on the issue as to the meaning of the words "capable of being born alive" in section 1 of the 1929 Act in order to enable the health authority to proceed with the abortion without fear of prosecution.

The court had proposed to continue to hear the appeal on the other questions raised, notably as to the right of the plaintiffs to bring the proceedings at all, but after discussion with counsel for both parties, the court agreed to dismiss the appeal *in toto*, refusing leave to appeal, so as to enable an application for leave to appeal to the House of Lords to proceed expeditiously.

[Later the House of Lords rejected the plaintiffs' petition for leave to appeal thereto.]

Mr Gerard Wright, QC and Miss Tonya Pinsky for the first and second plaintiffs; Mr Peter Shorrock, QC and Miss Caroline Harry Thomas for the first defendant; Mr Allan Levy as *amicus curiae*.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of

the court, said that urgency precluded him from giving full reasons for refusing the injunction, although it was a matter of great public interest. Expanded reasons would be given later.

There was more than one way to measure the duration of a pregnancy but it was common ground that that of the first defendant was between 18 and 21 weeks.

Shortly after the time when conception must have occurred, the first defendant was prescribed medication intended to terminate the pregnancy, which was assumed to have been effective.

She subsequently took anti-depressant drugs and underwent two X-rays in relation to a chest infection in one case without any shielding to protect the foetus.

Any of those treatments could have damaged the foetus, which a later body scan revealed her still to be carrying.

It was common ground that all the required steps had been taken under the Abortion Act 1967, including obtaining a certificate under section 1(1)(a) signed by two doctors saying that the continuance of the pregnancy would involve greater risk to the life of the pregnant woman, or of injury to her physical or mental health, than if the pregnancy were terminated.

Mr Wright argued that a termination at the present stage of the first defendant's pregnancy would involve the commission of a criminal offence under section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929, the provisions of which were expressly preserved by section 5 of the Abortion Act 1967.

Section 1 of the 1929 Act provided that "any person who, with intent to destroy the life of a child capable of being born alive, by any wilful act causes a child to die before it has an existence independent of its mother, shall be guilty of a felony".

The court had affidavit evidence from three doctors, none of whom had examined the first defendant, as to the stage of development of a foetus would

generally be expected to have reached at 18 to 21 weeks.

They all agreed that the cardiac muscle would be contracting and that there would be signs of primitive movement. It was said that those were real and discernible signs of life. But the foetus would not, and would never be capable of breathing, either naturally or with the aid of a ventilator.

The doctors disagreed whether it was therefore "capable of being born alive" within the meaning of section 1 of the 1929 Act; but since that question depended on the interpretation of a statute, it was a matter for the courts to determine.

There was no evidence as to the state of the foetus now being carried by the first defendant, but in their Lordships' judgment it was not capable of being born alive and therefore the termination of the pregnancy would not constitute an offence under the 1929 Act.

[After discussion with counsel for both parties as to the future course of the hearing, their Lordships continued:]

All three of their Lordships were astonished at the attitude of the health authority, who had now stated that they would not be prepared to go ahead with the abortion without knowing the views of the House of Lords.

Each year a thousand appeals were heard by the Court of Appeal, of which only fifty went to the House of Lords; in practical terms the Court of Appeal was the final appellate court and it always had to be so in circumstances of real emergency.

It followed that no one could in practice be blamed for acting on the decision of the Court of Appeal, otherwise the life of the country would grind to a halt.

The purpose of the House of Lords was to review historically, not to decide matters of great urgency once and for all.

But the health authority could not be compelled to accept that, so his Lordship proposed to continue to hear the appeal on the issues not yet ruled upon while permitting any adjournment necessitated by any application to the House of Lords.

[After further discussion with counsel, his Lordship continued:]

By persisting in their attitude, which his Lordship strongly criticized, the health authority might allow the first plaintiff to achieve by delaying tactics what he could not obtain by law.

[Mr Wright then indicated that his client would consent to the whole appeal being dismissed to permit an immediate application to the House of

Lords. His Lordship continued:]

The questions whether the father had the right to be heard on an application of the present nature and whether a foetus was a legal person capable of suing did not therefore arise and the court would not rule upon them.

But even if it had been in the plaintiff's favour on all the other points, the court would have given strong consideration to the words of Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division, in *Paron v British Pregnancy Advisory Service Trustees* ([1979] QB 276, 282): "not only would it be a bold and brave judge... who would seek to interfere with the discretion of doctors acting under the Abortion Act 1967, but I think he would be a really foolish judge".

Even where there was clear fault and an obvious attempt to perpetrate a criminal offence, the President had questioned whether such a matter should not be left to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Attorney General.

In the circumstances, the appeal would be dismissed with costs and leave to appeal to the House of Lords refused.

Solicitors: Gamlen for Clifford Poole & Co. Salford; Edwin Coe & Calder Woods for Rigby, Loose & Mills, Birmingham; Official Solicitor.

Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Wellcome Foundation Ltd

Before Mr Justice Webster

[Judgment February 13]

In exercising his powers under the Medicines Act 1968 to issue product licences for parallel imports the Secretary of State for Social Services was to have regard to trade mark issues and had power to refuse a product licence applied for in a name which, if used in the UK, would constitute trade mark infringement.

Mr Justice Webster so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review by Wellcome Foundation Ltd of the decision of the secretary of state on September 16, 1986 that trade mark issues were irrelevant and that he had no power to refuse a parallel import licence on the ground it would infringe UK trade mark rights.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, Mr David Pannick and Mr Roger Wyand for the applicant; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Nicholas Paines for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said the applicant manufactured, *inter alia*, an anti-bacterial product manufactured and marketed in the UK under the registered trade mark "Seprin" and "Seprin Forte".

That product was also manufactured and marketed by the applicant or its subsidiary companies in a number of other EEC countries. In Spain, Portugal and Eire it was marketed under the trade mark "Seprin". In Greece it was manufactured under licence and marketed under the trade mark "Seprin". In all other EEC countries it was sold under the trade mark "Eusaprim".

Under section 7(3) of the Medicines Act 1968 it was unlawful to import any medicinal product into the UK except in accordance with a product licence issued by the secretary of state.

In a case where an importer

wanted to import from another EEC country a medicinal product which was already the subject of a UK product licence, the secretary of state issued a modified form of parallel import licence.

The secretary of state issued a number of parallel import licences to facilitate the importation of a product identified as "Seprin" or "Seprin/Eusaprim".

Those products were marketed without the consent of Wellcome. That, Wellcome said, was an infringement of their trade mark rights under UK law and they had taken action against companies who had infringed their trade mark.

The subject of the application for judicial review was a letter dated September 16, 1986 written on behalf of the DHSS in response to letters written on behalf of Wellcome.

Wellcome had asked the DHSS to draw to the attention of parallel importers the fact that Wellcome and its licensees were the only people allowed to apply the name "Seprin" to medicinal products.

In its September 16 reply the DHSS said trade mark issues were excluded from the licensing authority's assessment whether to grant a licence.

The applicants contended the secretary of state had acted *ultra vires*.

The central issue therefore was whether infringement of UK trade mark rights was a relevant consideration in deciding whether to grant or refuse an application.

His Lordship said the secretary of state could not ignore injunctions obtained by a third party prohibiting the sale of a product. It was relevant that the licence could not be lawfully used.

The applicants could also rely on the case of *Centrafarm BV v American Home Products Corporation* (Case 3/78) ([1978] ECR 1823) in which the Court of Justice of the European Communities recognized the rights of owners of trade marks

protected under EEC law against an importer who infringed a trade mark.

Further, a circular letter dated April 30, 1986, written on behalf of the DHSS, was sent to all applicants for parallel import product licences. In it attention was drawn to the fact that, notwithstanding the usual rules between EEC states, where patent rights could not be obtained for a product in Spain and Portugal, the holder of a UK patent relating to that product could rely on UK patent rights to prevent the importation and marketing of the product. The applicant could rely on the DHSS's concession that regard was to be had to patent rights.

Finally, since the price of Eusaprim was lower in some EEC countries than the price of Seprin in the UK, there was a financial incentive for parallel importers to buy Eusaprim and sell it to pharmacists in the UK.

Pharmacists, in breach of their terms of service with the DHSS, dispensed it against prescriptions for Seprin and thereby made a greater profit than they were entitled to.

His Lordship found it astonishing that the secretary of state in his capacity as licensing authority could facilitate breaches by pharmacists of their agreement in that way.

So far as the EEC aspect was concerned the respondent contended the secretary of state was directly prohibited by article 21 of Council Directive (85/65/EEC) (OJ English Special Edition 1985-66 p.20) of January 26, 1985 from considering trade mark issues. However, article 21 of the Directive conflicted with article 36 of the EEC Treaty [concerning the protection of industrial or commercial property] and in that situation the Treaty prevailed.

The fact that use of a licence infringed a third party's trade mark rights was therefore relevant to the decision whether to grant a licence.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard, Treasury Solicitor.

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Trade marks relevant in licensing drug imports

Irregularity in excluding alibi

Regina v Irwin

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment February 19]

When counsel did not call alibi witnesses without consulting his client beforehand, a material irregularity occurred in the course of the trial and the conviction was unsatisfactory.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Christopher Irwin, aged 58, of Bulwell, Nottingham, against a conviction in January 1984 on a retrial after a jury disagreement at Nottingham Crown Court (Mr Recorder D. S. Perrett, QC) on charges of criminal damage to two cars. He received a total

of six months' imprisonment suspended for two years and was ordered to pay a total of £375 compensation.

Mr Noel Philo, who did not appear below, for the appellant; Mr Nigel Godsmark for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES, giving the judgment of the court, said that, when the alibi witnesses were called the jury disagreed. When they were not called on the retrial the jury convicted.

Although there were old civil authorities on counsel's decision binding the client, there was no authority in point. The combined experience of their

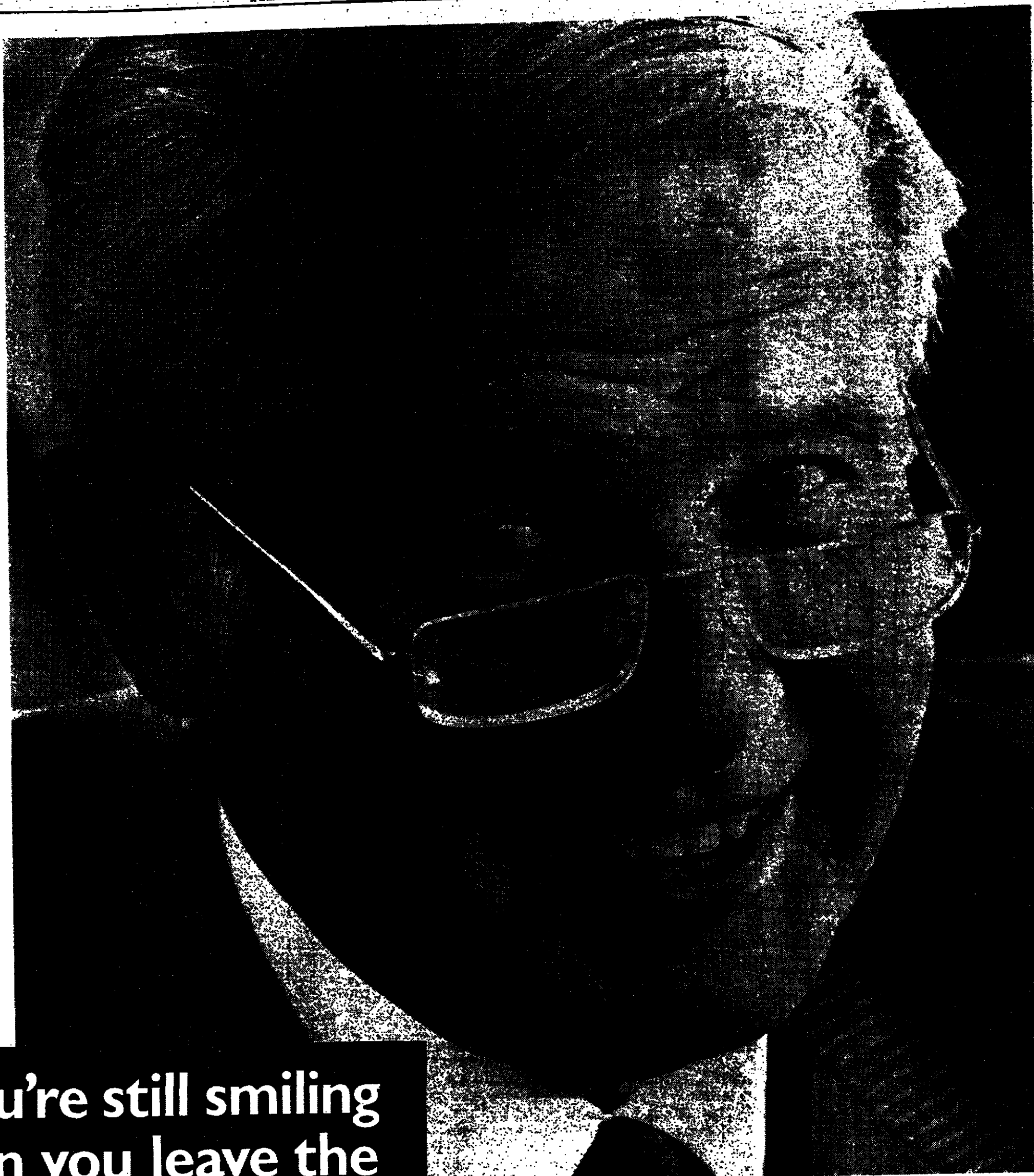
Lordships had not encountered the situation before.

Paragraph 136(a) of the *Code of Conduct for the Bar of England and Wales* stated that the decision whether to give evidence had to be made by the accused.

The situation demanded the obtaining of clear, preferably written, instructions from the client before the alibi witnesses were not called.

A material irregularity had occurred in the course of the retrial. The conviction was unsatisfactory and was quashed.

Solicitors: Cleggs, Nottingham; Crown Prosecution Service, Nottingham.



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WORLD SUMMARY

Another leading dissident freed

Moscow — The Russian religious dissident, Mr Alexander Ogorodnikov, was freed from a prison camp and returned to Moscow several days ago, as part of a continuing prisoner release by the Soviet authorities, the fellow dissident, Mrs Yelena Bonner, said yesterday (AP reports).

Mr Ogorodnikov, aged 36, and organizer of a Christian group, has been imprisoned since 1978 for "anti-Soviet activities".

Mrs Bonner said in a telephone interview that she had no news, however, about the fate of another dissident, Mr Gennadiy Alkhanov, whose immediate release was called for by Mrs Bonner and her husband, Mr Andrei Sakharov, at a weekend press conference.

Barbie trial date House arrests

Lyons (AP) — Nazi Klaus Barbie, aged 73, known as the Butcher of Lyons for his activities as head of the Gestapo here during the Second World War and now in hospital after prostate surgery, will face trial for "crimes against humanity" on May 11, it was announced yesterday.

The order sending Barbie to trial was signed by M Jean Choleux, president of the Lyons Court of Appeals.

Second (AP) — Authorities placed the dissident leader, Mr Kim Dae Jung, and eight of his supporters under house arrest yesterday, one day before a scheduled opposition rally, his aides said.

Busts of police were deployed around Mr Kim's home in western Seoul to keep him from participating in the rally, scheduled for today at the headquarters of the Council for the Promotion of Democracy.

Fake sabotage panic

Harare (AFP) — Zimbabwe army, police and railway authorities staged a mock sabotage and derailment incident yesterday that was so realistic that thousands of nearby residents flocked to help screaming victims — in reality army personnel drenched in tomato sauce.

After a news conference on the "accident" by a straight-faced police officer, the national news agency, ZIANA, reported that 80 people died when a train from Harare to Bulawayo detonated an explosive device and was derailed. Only the authorities knew it was an exercise.

Hamburg boy freed Life for bombing

The 14-year-old son of a Hamburg doctor who was kidnapped nearly three weeks ago was released unharmed yesterday after his father paid a ransom of 1 million Swiss francs (£421,000).

The boy, Nicholas Meiss, was abducted on February 6 on his way to school. He was freed at an autobahn exit at Ahlhorn, near Oldenburg.

Lod (Reuters) — An Israeli military court sentenced a Palestinian to life imprisonment yesterday for planning a bus bomb attack in Jerusalem that killed one person and wounded 50 in 1983.

Hasan Mahmood As-sila, aged 25, was found guilty of masterminding the attack on behalf of the Fatah faction of the PLO.

Caning case appeals

Plans to beat a British Army cook for an assault in Kenya were shelved last night after his lawyer gave notice of an appeal against the sentence.

Corporal Paul Walker, of the Aldershot-based Army Catering Corps, who was in Kenya with the Parachute Regiment on a recent exercise, was sentenced to three strokes of the cane and 15 months' imprisonment. A second cook, Private Sean Hughes, was given a three-month jail term for disorderly behaviour.

Lawyers for both men announced plans to appeal and the soldiers will be held in custody until Friday when a judge will decide whether they can proceed.

Jakarta curbs lifted

Jakarta (AFP) — Former Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) members are now permitted to travel abroad for medical treatment or to make the pilgrimage to Mecca, the daily newspaper, *Jawa Pos*, reported yesterday.

The PKI, once Asia's second largest Communist Party after China's, was outlawed after an abortive communist-backed coup attempt in 1965. More than a million of its members were jailed, most of whom are now free.

Middle East turmoil: Druze gunmen victims of shoot-on-sight Syria fulfils pledge of no mercy

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The Syrians left the three bodies on the cliff-top, beside the fish restaurants that once made Raouche famous. One of them lay on his side, crumpled up by the bullets which hit him as he tried to run away. Another lay on the edge of the precipice above Pigeon Rocks, his arms flung over his head.

Syria's iron rule had come to another suburb of west Beirut.

The three men had all been seen carrying pistols in their belts and witnesses said they were bounding away from the Syrian soldiers who cut them down at once; the third was pursued down the winding seafront cornice and machine-gunned to death opposite the Hotel Mediterranée.

His pistol still in his pocket.

Israel's Ministerial Defence Committee met yesterday to discuss the implications of the new Syrian move into Lebanon (Ian Murray writes from Jerusalem). Afterwards the committee said it rejected "the expanded intervention and the deepening of the Syrian occupation".

At the same time, the statement said that Israel had no intention of intervening in Lebanon's internal affairs.

Brigadier General Ghazi Kenaan was fulfilling his pledge to shoot gunmen on sight.

All three men were Druze, although no one could say whether they were members of the Druze militia, which closed down its offices a few hundred yards away some eight hours earlier. Four hundred of Mr Walid Jumblatt's Druze gunmen had ceremoniously decamped from Beirut back to the mountains, firing bursts of anti-aircraft fire into the air by way of farewell.



In the shadow of a Syrian tank standing guard yesterday outside the Soviet Embassy in west Beirut, a Lebanese woman calmly fills a pot with water from a street tap.

Abdullah linked by judge to attacks

Paris (Reuters) — Guns, explosives, documents and other evidence link Mr Georges Ibrahim Abdallah, the Lebanese guerrilla suspect, with attacks on US and Israeli diplomats, the senior judge of France's special anti-terrorist court said yesterday.

M Maurice Colomb, the presiding judge, gave a detailed account of the evidence at the start of the second day of Mr Abdullah's trial before a seven-member tribunal sitting without a jury.

Mr Abdullah was not present in the dock, having told the court on Monday that he would boycott what he called a political tribunal imposed by the US and its "lackeys".

M Colomb said a search of a Paris apartment rented by Mr Abdullah had uncovered two submachine-guns, explosives and a Czechoslovak-made 7.65 calibre automatic pistol used to kill Mr Charles Ray, a US military attaché, and Mr Yacov Barsamontov, an Israeli diplomat, in Paris in 1982.

The militant, aged 35, believed to have founded and led the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (FAR), faces charges of complicity in both murders and in a failed attempt on the life of Mr Robert Hoan, the US Consul in Strasbourg, in 1984.

The court heard that police had found a map drawn by Mr Abdullah of the area in Strasbourg where Mr Hoan was shot. The accused claims he never set foot in the flat but police say a bottle of correction fluid found on the premises bears his finger prints.

Peres flies from wrangle

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, is due to fly to Cairo today for peace talks, leaving behind him a growing political row that could split the Government.

Mr Peres is due to take off before Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, touches down after a nine-day trip to New York, where he told reporters on Monday that the Cairo visit could lead to the end of the coalition. Mr Shamir has repeatedly rejected any idea of Israel joining an international peace conference for the Middle East, the very reason for Mr Peres's visit to Cairo.

Mr Peres, for his part, said in a radio interview that he was going ahead with the talks and that holding the Government together was not an end in itself.

The two leaders did not consult before the trip was arranged. Mr Peres, however, did say more than a month ago that he expected to see President Mubarak of Egypt at about this time in order to continue discussions about a peace conference. Last September the two met in Alexandria where it was agreed that they would be setting up a preparatory committee for such a conference.

Foreign Ministry sources here yesterday said there was already agreement between Israel, Jordan, Egypt and the United States on 10 points for a conference, although it was far from sure that Mr Shamir accepted this given his total opposition to the idea.

In an interview broadcast here yesterday, Mr Shamir said the Foreign Minister could "talk about all the issues relating to Israel and Egypt, but he has no power of attorney to decide on anything or conclude anything with respect to an international conference before the Cabinet takes a decision on this matter".

Since the policy-making inner Cabinet is evenly split on the issue, Mr Shamir knows that Mr Peres cannot win a vote there.

Mr Peres is aware that if he makes any real progress it will be stymied in the inner Cabinet. Only by bringing down the Government, and forcing a new election on the

issue, could he move ahead. The opinion polls show that at the moment public opinion is not sufficiently behind him on the issue for it to be worth risking an election.

The nub of Mr Shamir's argument is that he believes an international conference could evolve into a forum to force Israel to negotiate terms against its will.

Mr Peres, on the other hand, believes that only by agreeing to a conference will it be possible to persuade Jordan to come to the negotiating table. His view is shared by Washington and, as of this week, the EEC.

The idea of a conference came from King Hussein of Jordan, who believes he cannot negotiate with Israel except under the protection of an international forum.

In his view, direct negotiations would end in Jordan being isolated from the Arab world in the same way that Egypt was after the signing of the Camp David peace treaty. Since Jordan relies heavily on Arab finance, the King cannot afford to take this risk.

Beirut owner decides to close his battle-scarred hotel after 11 years

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The message that Mr Youssef Nazzari sent to the staff of the Commodore Hotel in Beirut yesterday was very much to the point. "I am glad that you and the rest of the staff are fine," he teleaxed to the 54 men and women who had helped to keep the devastated institution open these past 11 years.

"Unfortunately, I have decided to close down the hotel. So I ask you to do the following: you put a paper at the door saying that we close the hotel effective (sic) immediately. Second, I want you to terminate the employment of all of the staff."

Just eight men were to be retained to guard the old hulk, which was once the centre of the international press corps in west Beirut.

Looted to its last television set, spoons, wine glasses and sheets — even a framed Doonesbury cartoon was stolen by gunmen from the lobby — Mr Nazzari, the Jordanian owner, instructed his departing staff to brick up the wall of the coffee-shop and pin plastic sheeting over the broken windows. "I am not willing to spend any money on the hotel," he added.

The staff — barmen, cleaners, receptionists and cooks — received the news in stunned amazement. For it is their plight and not the orgy of journalistic memories that is the real, sad story of the Commodore and of many other businesses in Beirut this week.

They will receive two months' bonus if they have worked there for less than five years, four months' bonus for service between five and 10 years and six months' bonus for more than ten years. "Anybody who is not happy with it," Mr Nazzari teleaxed briskly, "give him nothing."

Mr Nabil el-Darwish, aged 56, a laundryman who has worked at the Commodore for 11 years, wept openly in the lobby yesterday. Many of the staff had lost their savings when the safe deposit boxes were looted.

Some had their family passports taken as well. "We don't

feel bad towards Mr Nazzari," one said. "We understand why he says these things but we are prepared to make personal sacrifices to keep the hotel open. Surely, it can stay open."

Perhaps. But the old wreck had long ago fallen on bad days, its shabby bar serving a clientele of gunmen rather than journalists. Its losses only amounting to £20,000 last year but its future prospects bleak indeed.

Its basement casino had lured crooks into a hotel that was both unguarded and usually empty. The day the parrot disappeared from its cage may well have been the end of the old Commodore.

The staff were yesterday offering to work without pay for three months if Mr Nazzari would help to pay for repairs. Certainly, he is unlikely to keep his hotel if he closes it.

But if nothing else, the hotel's demise proves that not even the most famous landmarks of Beirut can survive 11 years of war.

Star Wars team to see Thatcher

By Andrew McEwen

Two senior US Administration officials are to hold talks with Mrs Thatcher today on the Star Wars programme, following President Reagan's order that consultations be held with NATO allies.

Mr Paul Nitze, a senior adviser on arms control, and Mr Richard Perle, Assistant Defence Secretary, will address Mrs Thatcher's view that Washington should not change its interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty without consultations.

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that their visit was thought to be in response to a joint public appeal by Mrs Thatcher and Senator Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, on February 11.

The talks are expected to focus on experiments which the Pentagon wishes to conduct to assess the effectiveness of space sensors which will form a vital part of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

British space experts say that so far all research on the proposed anti-missile space shield has complied with the so-called "narrow interpretation" of the treaty. However, within 18 months it will become essential to conduct tests in space which would go beyond this interpretation.

President Reagan and his Cabinet have declared that a broader interpretation is legally correct, but have abstained from implementing it. It was concern over reports that the Administration might do so without consultation that prompted Mrs Thatcher's appeal.

At a meeting with President Reagan at Camp David in 1984 she obtained an agreement that SDI research would comply with the treaty.

The Iran arms scandal

Response to Tower 'must be decisive'

From Michael Binayon, Washington

President Reagan has been told by his top political advisers that he must react vigorously and decisively to the expected criticism in the Tower Report of his Administration's role in the Iran affair.

At a White House meeting on Monday, Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary and an influential former White House Chief of Staff, together with political consultants, told him that he must respond swiftly to the charges if he is to salvage his presidency.

He is said to have responded "affirmatively but inconclusively", as he does not know what the report will say. But Mr Martin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, later gave the thrust of Mr Reagan's reaction, saying: "We will welcome it and use it as a positive tool for establishing credibility and moving away from the Iran situation."

The meeting was called by Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, who sources here have said will resign soon after publication of the report tomorrow.

Mr Regan continued to maintain publicly that he had not made any decision on his future, and is reported to be insisting on a graceful exit.

Mr Drew Lewis, the former Transport Secretary who Administration officials have said will replace Mr Regan, is likely to be joined by Mr Paul Laxalt, the former Nevada Republican Senator and a close friend of President Reagan.

He may be brought into the White House as the President's political adviser, as a way of ensuring that all the power in running the White House is not again concentrated in the hands of the Chief of Staff.

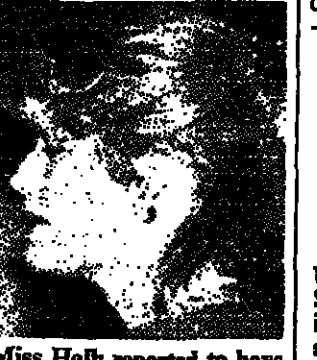
Meanwhile, it was reported yesterday that Miss Fawn Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North's private secretary, altered four key National Security Council memoranda in November to obscure the role of Colonel North's superiors in the Iran affair.

The *Washington Post* said Miss Hall told investigators that she made changes at his request by retyping the documents and that she destroyed the originals.

The originals were dated 1985 or 1986 and addressed to either Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, or Admiral John Poindexter, his successor.

The paper said FBI agents and special prosecutors working for Mr Lawrence Walsh, the special Iran prosecutor, found the carbon copies of the four memos before they were destroyed.

A poignant detail of Colonel North's involvement with the Nicaraguan Contras was revealed yesterday when Senator Arturo Cruz junior, the son of a Contra leader, admitted that he had had a 15-month romance with Miss Hall.



Miss Hall reported to have changed NSC memoranda.

US planes to use Falklands

From Our Correspondent, Port Stanley

Military authorities at the new Mount Pleasant air base in the Falklands have confirmed that American aircraft are to use the base as a terminus for flights from Houston via Rio de Janeiro.

But the military information officer at Mount Pleasant was quick to stress that the plans, previously rumoured to be in the pipeline, do not involve the US Air Force, and that the recent statement of the Defence Secretary, Mr George Younger, that there are no plans for an American military involvement on the islands, remains true.

A Boeing 747, of the American company, Tower Air Inc., will be the first aircraft of any nationality other than British to use the Falklands airport when it lands on March 12, carrying around 160 replacement crewmen for the exploratory drilling ship Sedco BP 471.

The ship has been carrying out a research programme in the Weddell Sea, off Antarctica, for some months. Sedco BP 471 will moor in Mount Pleasant's adjacent military seaport at East Cove to exchange crews and transfer geological samples to the aircraft.

Its presence in the area is officially described as "to explore the structure and history of the earth beneath the ocean basins", in an area where the presence of large petroleum deposits has been a matter of speculation.

The military, who run the Mount Pleasant air base (although the £400 million complex ostensibly has a joint civilian and military role), are

clearly pleased about the American visit, as are many civilians here, who see it as proof that Mount Pleasant has a use other than military.

However, the military are down-playing their involvement with the flight, which is bound to upset the Argentines.

Councillor Charles Keenleyside, who represents the people of Port Stanley, believes that the programme has made the right choice in avoiding mainland ports.

"The Americans probably see the Falklands as a more stable and convenient airfield. The airport is the best of its kind in the area. I see it only as a good thing, and agree with the enterprise fully."

Although it is not known whether further flights by Tower Air are planned,

they are likely to be seen as a sign of the Falklands' growing importance as a base for military operations.

Japan acts to contain spread of Aids virus

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Japanese Government is considering legislation to stop carriers of the Aids virus entering the country.

Announcing a comprehensive programme to prevent the spread of the disease, the Cabinet yesterday said it would study measures taken by other countries and seek their advice.

Tokyo intends to embark on a programme of educating the public about the dangers of Aids, even though fewer than 31,000 cases of the disease have been reported (Reuters reports).

Dr James Curran, director of the Aids Programme at the Government's Centre for Disease Control, said that up to 1 per cent of American men may be infected.

will be available to try to contain secondary infection, while the public health bureaux and public and private clinics will provide telephone consultations.

Legislation is being drawn up to provide for increased co-operation with foreign countries on the basic research into Aids, its examination, prevention and possible cure.

ATLANTA: As many as 1.5 million Americans may have Aids, even though fewer than 31,000 cases of the disease have been reported (Reuters reports).

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Deadlock on EEC research spending

Blocked projects threaten to fuel brain drain

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The worrying European brain drain to the United States threatens to gain fresh impetus unless Britain, France and West Germany agree to increased research spending in EEC countries, the European Commission has warned.

Herr Karl Heinz Narjes, the Commissioner for Industry and Research, said the Commission's proposed five-year research and technology programme, mooted last year, was still being blocked by EEC research ministers, who met in Brussels yesterday in a further vain bid to break the impasse.

The Commission, which originally proposed a five-year research programme of nearly £8 billion, reduced this figure to £5.5 billion to try to get agreement. Belgium, which holds the EEC presidency,

yesterday further reduced it to £4 billion. But Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the British Minister for Information Technology, said this was still at least £1 billion too much.

Mr Pattie said the Belgian compromise, which takes into account unspent funds from last year and a deferment of some spending until 1991, was helpful and could provide the basis for a more "realistic" approach when research ministers meet again next month.

Britain believes that although the EEC has to compete with America and Japan there must be no wasteful duplication between Community projects and those undertaken at a national level and through commercial collaboration between industrial firms.

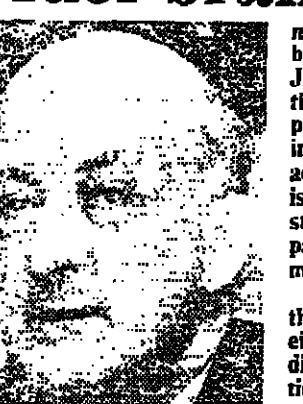
"We need not more research but better and more sharply focused research," Mr Pattie said. The proposed budget was far larger than the EEC

needed or could afford.

Herr Narjes had harsh words for Britain, which held the presidency of the Council of Ministers in the six months to December without giving EEC research funding a high priority.

He said the last research council in December, held under Mr Pattie's chairmanship, was abandoned in disarray. Under the current Belgian presidency a more flexible and "community-minded" spirit prevailed and the ministers might find enough common ground to begin "real negotiations" at their next meeting in March.

Commission officials said the exodus of scientists and engineers to America — reminiscent of the brain drain of the 1960s — had slowed in West Germany, Italy, France and Spain, partly because of the fall in the value of the dollar. It was continuing, how-



Mr Pattie: not more, but better research needed.

ever, in Britain because of the prospect of lower taxes for high earners in the US and continued under-investment in EEC research projects.

The EEC big three object to any further spending on research until the Community's budget crisis is resolved and spending on the wasteful com-

mon agricultural policy is brought under control. M Jacques Delors, President of the EEC Commission, has proposed a radical restructuring of Community finances to achieve this. Britain, however, is in the forefront of EEC states arguing that the Delors package will almost certainly make matters worse.

The Commission argues that research is vital. "We either invest in research or we die," one official said. "National research programmes are not enough."

Mr Pattie said Britain supported funding increases of up to 80 per cent for specific Community research projects — namely Esprit (information technology), Race (telecommunications) and Brille (industrial research) — but not a funding increase for EEC research as a whole.

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'Ivan the Terrible' trial Guard's savagery 'was from another planet'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

"Ivan the Terrible" was proud of the way he mutilated corpses in the death camp of Treblinka. Mr Pinchas Epstein, one of the few survivors, told the war crimes trial here yesterday.

He had already identified "Ivan" as Mr John Demjanjuk, the defendant, who has been charged with crimes against humanity. "I am convinced that sitting opposite me is Ivan of Treblinka," he repeated when pressed again and again on the point.

His evidence throughout a long day of cross-examination had been restrained and only rarely emotional, but when he was asked how close he had come to "Ivan" in the camp, the floodgates burst.

"I saw Ivan every day at all hours. I rubbed shoulders with him almost as part of my work. He was there all the time by the gas chambers gouging out eyes, cutting off a girl's breast then standing back and enjoying his handiwork."

"He was looking at it with such enjoyment, at the crushed skulls and the crushed faces. He was looking as if he had done a tremendously good job. I can't find a word in the human language to compare him to. It was from another planet."

He also described how Ivan had hacked at the corpses, cutting open the bellies of pregnant women.

"A man's healthy brain can't grasp what went on. It is not of this planet. Killing women, killing children. Why? I ask myself. Why?"

"It is because we were Jews."

Earlier he described more of the grotesque characters in the camp. They included "The Doll", with his ferocious dog, "Bart". Mr Epstein appeared visibly shaken at the very

thought of him as he gave evidence.

According to Mr Epstein, he was called "The Doll" because he was so good-looking, but in the camp he had one of the ugliest reputations of all the SS guards.

"When he came towards us with his dog, the earth shook because of our fear," Mr Epstein said.

"The Doll" was really called Kurt Franz, but the Jewish prisoners like Mr Epstein, who were forced to work carrying

Dossiers on 'Nazis'

Australia is setting up an investigative unit to prepare dossiers for prosecuting up to 70 suspected Nazi war criminals living here (Stephen Taylor writes from Sydney).

Senator Lionel Bowen, the Attorney-General, said in a statement to Parliament yesterday that the Hawke Government would try to ensure that people alleged by Nazi-hunting groups in Israel and the US to be responsible for "serious war crimes" were brought to justice.

corpses from the gas chambers, only knew him by a cynical nickname, as they did so many of their tormentors, including "Ivan the Terrible", who executed hundreds of thousands of Jews.

The court is hearing evidence to determine if "Ivan" and the defendant, Mr Demjanjuk, are the same man.

The dog had been trained to believe that the prisoners were called "dogs" and that he was a "man". On the order "man bite the dogs" Bart would leap at the prisoners and bite them ferociously, Mr Epstein said.

Another favourite sport of "The Doll" was to make a man stand in front of him at

attention while he hit him in the face until he drew blood. That was virtually a death sentence.

Mr Epstein described how these men with "stamped" faces were made to undress and kneel on all fours beside the huge pit where the corpses from the gas chambers were put.

There another SS officer, called "White Coat" because he wore a light-coloured SS jacket, would execute them. "The skull would crack open as if there had been no skull," Mr Epstein said.

As the pits filled up, he said, chlorine powder was sprinkled on the bodies and as the corpses collapsed the pit sank. "As it sank blood spurted through the earth," he said.

Mr Epstein said he remembered another SS officer who arrived at the camp and was obviously overcome by what he saw. "He put his head in his hands and said: 'My God, what is happening here?'"

With another prisoner he was given a rake by the officer and taken off to tidy up an area of the camp. "He took us away so that he would not have to see the atrocities," Mr Epstein said.

During all this evidence, given in cross-examination, Mr Demjanjuk sat impassively in the dock. He did not react when Mr Epstein showed the court the way in which he said "Ivan" walked. The witness demonstrated a rather shuffling walk, with short steps and the weight thrown more heavily onto the left foot. This was the walk, Mr Epstein said, he had immediately recognized when he saw the defendant on television.

Today the court is expected to hear evidence from another Treblinka survivor, Mr Eliyahu Rosenberg.

Taipei Parliament packs punch



Opposition members restraining their colleague, Mr Chu Kuo-cheng, after he had knocked down Mr Chou Si-ya, of the ruling Kuomintang (KMT), during a brawl at the opening session of Taiwan's Parliament yesterday (AFP reports from Taipei).

The fight broke out after Mr Chu, the deputy leader of the newly-formed Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), rushed the podium to try to prevent the Premier, Mr Yu Kuo-hua, from delivering an administrative report.

Witnesses said Mr Chu was dragged from the podium by several legislators from the ruling party, and there ensued a punch-up between two members of the DPP and two KMT legislators, who grappled on the floor in front of other deputies, the Premier and high-ranking government officials.

Mr Yu eventually delivered his report about two hours later than scheduled.

The DPP is the first opposition party to be represented in the Taiwan legislature for 40 years. It was launched last September by 165 members of the opposition, in defiance of a 40-year-old ban on the creation of political parties, and has yet to win official recognition.

The majority of Taiwan's deputies were elected on the Chinese mainland 40 years ago for a life term, before the Kuomintang fled to Taiwan.

Earlier yesterday, DPP legislators took turns at the podium to attack the legality of the Speaker, Mr Nien Wen-ya, who has held the post for 15 years. They claimed his tenure ended on January 31, but he says his current term runs until March 27.

Clashes flare in protests before González speech

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Protest actions by students, university teaching assistants, medical interns, farmers and miners flared up in various parts of Spain yesterday, coinciding with the first public speech in Spain by the Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, since last June.

Clashes between police and about 3,000 students took place in Madrid a few hours before the Prime Minister's appearance in Parliament.

In Barcelona five columns of students converged on a park for a demonstration and picnic.

The demonstrations were called in both cities by dissident factions of the Student National Co-ordinating Committee, which settled its differences last week with the Education Minister, Señor José María Maravall, who granted broad concessions.

Groups of university teaching assistants took to the streets with students in the capital, protesting about limited opportunities to achieve regular, full-time faculty teaching posts.

Activities at big state-run hospitals in Madrid and some other cities were hampered by a go-slow action by medical interns, who were continuing a protest against the system for the geographical distribution of such internships.

Some staff surgeons joined the protest, alleging that the current system is inefficient. Emergency cases were handled, but routine treatments were delayed.

The interns were due to demonstrate in front of the Ramón y Cajal Hospital in the capital late last night.

In Alicante, Civil Guards intervened to save a German tour-bus driver who was set upon by farmers, after he had crashed through a barricade which they had set up to protest against the Gov-

ernment's failure to improve conditions for the sale of Spanish citrus fruits in the EEC.

Wild-cat strikes shut down numerous mines in the northern region of Asturias, in a protest against a plan by the big state-owned coal mining company, Hucosa, to close down marginal operations and reduce its workforce.

Miners threatened to close all the mines of Asturias, which provide most of Spain's coal supplies, tomorrow and Friday and possibly longer, unless a satisfactory agreement was reached.

Bishops' choice: Spain's Catholic bishops yesterday elected Cardinal Angel Suñiza, the conservative Archbishop of Madrid, as the new chairman of their national conference (Richard Wigg writes).

The 70-year-old Cardinal, close to the Pope since he visited Spain in 1982, was, however, only chosen on the fifth vote, after the outgoing chairman, Mgr Gabino Díaz Merchán of Oviedo, regarded as more liberal, failed to obtain two-thirds of the votes as required if he was to serve a third term. Cardinal Suñiza only needed a simple majority.

The Vatican's preference was well known, with Mgr Mario Tagliaberti, the Nuncio, chiding the bishops before the conference began over a "regression in recent years of Christianity" in Spain.

The victory of Cardinal Suñiza, a supporter of Opus Dei, signalled the emergence of a more combative Spanish Catholic Church and the end of the liberal era started by Cardinal Tarazona and continued by Mgr Díaz Merchán, which enabled the Church to play a crucial role in Spain's smooth transition to full democracy.

Anniversary of Marcos overthrow

Filipinos celebrate amid coup rumour

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Filipinos will take part in street festivals today to celebrate Freedom Day, the first anniversary of the overthrow of former President Ferdinand Marcos, unperturbed by rumours of a coup or attacks against the Government of President Aquino.

The Chief of Staff, General Fidel Ramos, admitted on the eve of the national holiday that renegade soldiers could launch a coup but said chances of them succeeding were "less than 1 per cent".

Heavily-armed troops, on alert since Sunday, were yesterday deployed at strategic buildings in the capital.

Vehicles were searched at road blocks and helicopters flew over the city to check any unusual assembly of armed men in any part of the metropolis, the state-run news agency reported.

"The military is not taking any chances in view of persistent reports that some groups, including leftist elements, might launch terror attacks during the celebration," it said.

The agency said military intelligence agents feared a grenade attack on street revelers during a *mardi gras* on a highway outside military headquarters where the four-day "people's power" began with the defection from the Marcos Government of its former Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and General Ramos.

A thanksgiving mass, celebrated by Manila's outspoken and pro-Aquino archbishop, Cardinal Jaime Sin, will include symbolic offerings for those who directly contributed to the ending of the 20-year Marcos regime.

Local newspapers, quoting unnamed military officials, have reported plots by pro-Marcos troops to stage bomb attacks and assassinations to disrupt the celebrations.

But General Ramos, who has already foiled two armed insurrections against the Gov-

Suspended jail for hooligans

Burgos (Reuter) - Six British soccer hooligans were given six-month suspended jail sentences and ordered to pay a total of £650 by a Spanish magistrate yesterday for vandalism and disorderly behaviour on the eve of the international football match between England and Spain last week.

They will be remanded in custody until the money is paid, then expelled from the country.

Paul Grover, aged 22, from Hanworth; John Cotton, 28, from Nottingham; Mark Northwood, 18, from Hemel Hempstead; Johan-Michael Davies, 19, from Finchley; and Darren Crewe, 20, from Hounslow, were ordered to pay a total of £450 for damage to a discotheque and injuries to four Spaniards. Mark Alan Winstanley, 23, from Bromley, was ordered to pay £190 for damaging public property.

Rhine aid

Basle (Reuter) - The Swiss chemical firm Sandoz AG is to spend more than £800,000 replacing fish stocks in the Rhine destroyed by toxic chemicals.

Chess win

Reykjavik (AP) - England's Nigel Short won his fifth straight game at the international chess tournament here when he beat Helgi Olafsson of Iceland.

Spies held

Peking (Reuter) - Chinese security forces have arrested two Taiwanese nationalist spies, one of whom masqueraded as a student during campus unrest on the mainland in December.

Colour bar

Johannesburg (Reuter) - A whites-only school in Boksburg, east of here, has barred pupils from competing against blacks in sports events.

Uganda treason charges

Obote's deputy is let off

From Alastair Matheson, Nairobi

The Ugandan Government yesterday dropped treason charges against eight people, including Mr Paulo Muvanga, a former Vice-President under Dr Milton Obote, and Mr Andrew Kayiira, a former minister in President Museveni's Cabinet and once leader of the Uganda Freedom Movement.

The deputy public prosecutor in Kampala said nine others still faced treason charges. It is understood that Mr Muvanga remains accused of a kidnapping and possibly other charges.

Meanwhile, anti-government guerrillas continue to launch damaging hit-and-run attacks on towns held by the National Resistance Army (NRA), according to reports

from the north of the country.

The NRA was recently reinforced by Mr Museveni to wipe out remaining pockets of resistance by forces loyal to former regimes.

The most serious recent raid was on Gulu, the main town in the north, where it was said that a force of several thousand, attacking from all sides, forced NRA troops back to their barracks on the outskirts of the town.

Although heavy firing lasted for several hours, the fighting was said not to be serious and rebel soldiers were able to move freely around Gulu.

After taking vehicles from the office of the District Administrator, they released prisoners from the local jail,

killing at least two prison officers. They also shot up the local police camp, before leaving town.

Although strong reinforcements have been sent to the troubled north, Gulu and other towns have suffered constant raids by rebels in search of food and ammunition.

As a result, most civilians have fled the larger towns to seek refuge in the countryside or in the few missions still operating.

Soroti, 120 miles south-east of Gulu, was attacked recently. About 200 rebels killed nine government soldiers, losing 18 of their own men, when they raided the prison for rifles and ammunition.

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More dissident professors give their backing to independents

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The contagion of dissent among Afrikaner academics spread yesterday to the University of the Orange Free State, not normally noted for its liberal tendencies, where five leading professors denounced the Government for its failure to press ahead with reform.

Professors Elwili Beukes, Frederik Fourie, Philip Nel, Dirk du Toit and Albert Weideman pledged their support for the independent candidates of Dr Denis Worrall and breakaway government MP Mr Wynand Malan in the white general election in May.

Dr Worrall resigned as South Africa's Ambassador in London on January 30 and has chosen to oppose Mr Chris Heunis, the leader of the ruling National Party (NP) in the Cape and architect of the Government's stalled reforms, in his Helderberg constituency near Cape Town.

The former diplomat will address his first public meeting since returning home tomorrow evening in the town hall of Stellenbosch, the seat of the oldest-Afrikaans-speaking university in the country and currently the scene of political ferment. Part of the Stellenbosch district lies within Helderberg.

Nearly 30 leading Stellenbosch academics indicated their support for Dr Worrall last weekend. Their leader, Professor Sam Rasmussen, a political economist and long-time spiritual "father" of reformists within the NP, and another professor, resigned from the party after an acrimonious meeting with President P. W. Botha.

Dr Worrall has denounced the Government's policies as stale and inadequate, and called for "a new vision and sense of direction". But he has yet to say in any detail what he sees as the best way forward, and has been careful to keep his distance from the (by South African standards) ultra-liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP).

At Dr Worrall's side tomorrow will be Mr Fannie Momborg, the wealthy former wine grower who resigned from the NP last week to act as the ex-ambassador's campaign manager. Now a portly 48-year-old, Mr Momborg joined the party as a student at Stellenbosch 30 years ago, and was its local branch chairman in Helderberg for 12 years.

Sports writers in Britain know him as the man who talked Zola Budd into returning to international athletics after the fiasco of her 3,000 metres race against Mary Decker at the Los Angeles Olympics. He is still active in sports administration as chairman of the Western Province Amateur Athletic Association and president of the Boland Cricket Union.

For Mr Momborg, as for other Afrikaner rebels, breaking with the NP was a long goodbye. It is not easy to leave an organization which is as much tribal club as political party, especially as the only option to the left of the Government until recently has been the English-oriented PFP, a switch of loyalty too great even for many reform-minded Afrikaners.

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Mr Momborg claims now to have long been unhappy with the Government's treatment of the mixed-race Coloured people of the Cape for whom, like many Cape Afrikaners, he feels a paternal affection.

As a delegate at a party congress last year, Mr Momborg called from the floor for the abolition of the Group Areas Act, the law which enforces racial segregation of schools and residential areas, and was publicly slapped down by President Botha. The experience crystallized his growing sense of discontent.

"When I heard that Dr Worrall had resigned, I saw him as my saviour. I picked up the phone and rang him in London and said: 'Let's go for it in Helderberg'. He was non-committal at the time, but I must have planted a seed in fertile ground," Mr Momborg says.

Mr Momborg says he is confident of substantial financial backing for Dr Worrall, but professes not to know the sources. There is strong speculation, however, that the giant Rembrandt Group of Dr Anton Rupert, doyen of Afrikaner businessmen, is preparing to throw its financial muscle behind Dr Worrall.

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Spectre of famine in strife-torn Mozambique

Wandering tribe reaches its last stop

From Paul Valley, Marribe, Mozambique

Like a lost tribe, the people of Marribe, have been wandering for six months in the devastated province of Zambezia in central Mozambique. They were driven from their home in Mopeia on the banks of the Zambezi as long ago as July but every time they have settled anywhere the anti-government rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) have struck again.

When the point of the guerrilla camp campaign is to destroy the national economy, in a country where 80 per cent of the population is employed in agriculture, that has meant the destruction of subsistence crops and the razing of peasant farmers' homes.

This month this little group of refugees reached the coast and found they could flee no further. The authorities in the port of Quelimane looked for a place to put them and, nine miles north, found a slight rise which runs through the bush and bears the name of Marribe.

It is not much, but then there are 255,000 refugees in such enclaves along the Zambezia coast and those who arrived first got the best sites. They also got hold of a hectare of land per family, but Marribe, there is only half that amount each.

Here, this week, these hap-

less people are once more constructing, some of them for the third or fourth time, their meagre dwellings of sapling poles and banana leaves. "We are happy to be here," said their headman but happiness was not much in evidence.

What there was in graphic abundance was malnutrition. There were all the signs we had seen in Ethiopia — the skinny limbs, the swollen joints, the patchy skin, the drooping lustreless hair, the vacant eyes, the distended bellies. The breasts of nursing mothers sagged like empty pouches.

The children sat listless, all curiosity and energy drained out of them by the mechanical effort of staying alive. It was not so chronic as in those infamous camps in the

Abyssinian Highlands but it was unmistakable.

A nurse from the Save the Children Fund (SCF), Marion Birch, who worked in Sudan during the famine there, described the classic symptoms of famine in Africa.

"The adults are surviving but the children are in very poor shape."

"A lot have scabies because there is no soap to keep them clean. Many have malaria — which they are not able to cope with. There is a lot more about here than in the region they came from," she said.

She said Marribe brings awful echoes of her time in Sudan: "They are vulnerable to all the major diseases because the fighting has put an end to the vaccination programmes before most children have the

complete course of injections. But the children of Marribe will probably pull through."

They are not far from the local headquarters of the Mozambique Red Cross, the SCF nurses and the government warehouses full of international food aid.

"The worrying question is, if these children are like this, what state are the others in the ones who never get to us?" said Mr Ian Levine, the project manager for the SCF in Quelimane.

"And it will get worse. The hungry months (the time between when last year's harvest is all eaten and next year's is due) will be with us until June. I dread to think what could happen between now and then," he said.

She said that, partly thanks to officer training provided by the British Government, Mozambique's Army was beginning to have successes against the guerrillas. This had led the guerrillas to resort to ever more desperate terror tactics.

If donors reacted quickly there was still time to head off a disaster comparable to the Ethiopian famine, he believed.

Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund have launched a joint £4.5 million appeal. The address is PO Box 999, Oxford OX2 7DZ.

Further confirmation came yesterday from Ms Dot Keet, director of the Mozambique Information Office in London.

He said that refugees in the Mopeia district told him that hundreds of people had been

forced to stand for days at a time around camps of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR or Renamo).

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Indian economic survey

Gandhi hails big production gains

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Although sounding a warning about inflation and the balance of payments, the Indian Government yesterday patted itself on the back for the performance of the economy.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who also holds the finance portfolio, laid the annual economic survey before Parliament yesterday in the run-up to the Budget statement, which he will present by tradition on Saturday, the last day of February.

The survey claims that there is strong evidence that the Indian economy is on a new growth path. The increase in productivity is likely to range between 4.5 and 5 per cent this year, meaning that real growth has averaged around 5 per cent for the past seven years. This is compared with the previous long-term growth rate of about 3.5 per cent.

Despite three successive weak monsoons, particularly last year, food grain production is expected to go on increasing. Food stocks were high on January 1, reflecting both long-term growth and the country's self-sufficiency. India's farmers had also increased production of sugar cane and oil seeds, thus usefully reducing the country's import bill.

Industrial production has shown a marked increase, particularly in the manufacturing sector. This is due in part to the reduction in bureaucratic red-tape which had been standing in the way of expansion. "The evidence suggests," the survey says, "that the industrial investment climate in the country has vastly improved."

Since Mr Gandhi came to power industrial licensing has been simplified, technology upgrading has been made easier and maximum usage of existing capacity has been encouraged by re-endorse-

ment and broad banding — if you make any wheeled vehicle for instance, you no longer need an additional licence to make a car.

The electronics industry has shown remarkable growth — around 40 per cent annually for the past two years, reaching a total production of £5.5 billion against a target of £3.3 billion. But the report points

Five people, including a Sikh extremist, were killed in Punjab as the Home Minister, Mr Buta Singh, told the Upper House of Parliament that the Government would pursue a new action plan to fight violence by Sikh separatists, and shrugged off Opposition criticism of his efforts (Reuter reports from Delhi).

out that much of this expansion has been in consumer electronics — TV and radio sets — while communications electronics has been "not wholly satisfactory", even failing to meet production targets.

Because of disturbing trends in the balance of payments, a number of initiatives have been launched by the Government, such as the emphasis on sugar-cane and edible oil production. These, combined with a fall in the world price of crude oil, led to a healthy increase in exports.

However, the survey warns against complacency for, in addition to a sharp decline in foreign currency reserves, there are a number of factors that will adversely affect the balance of payments.

They include the deceleration of domestic oil production, the recovery of world oil prices, the growth in international protectionism, diminished prospects of concessional assistance and a significant rise in debt servicing on past borrowings. There is also a less buoyant outlook for remittances from Indians working abroad.

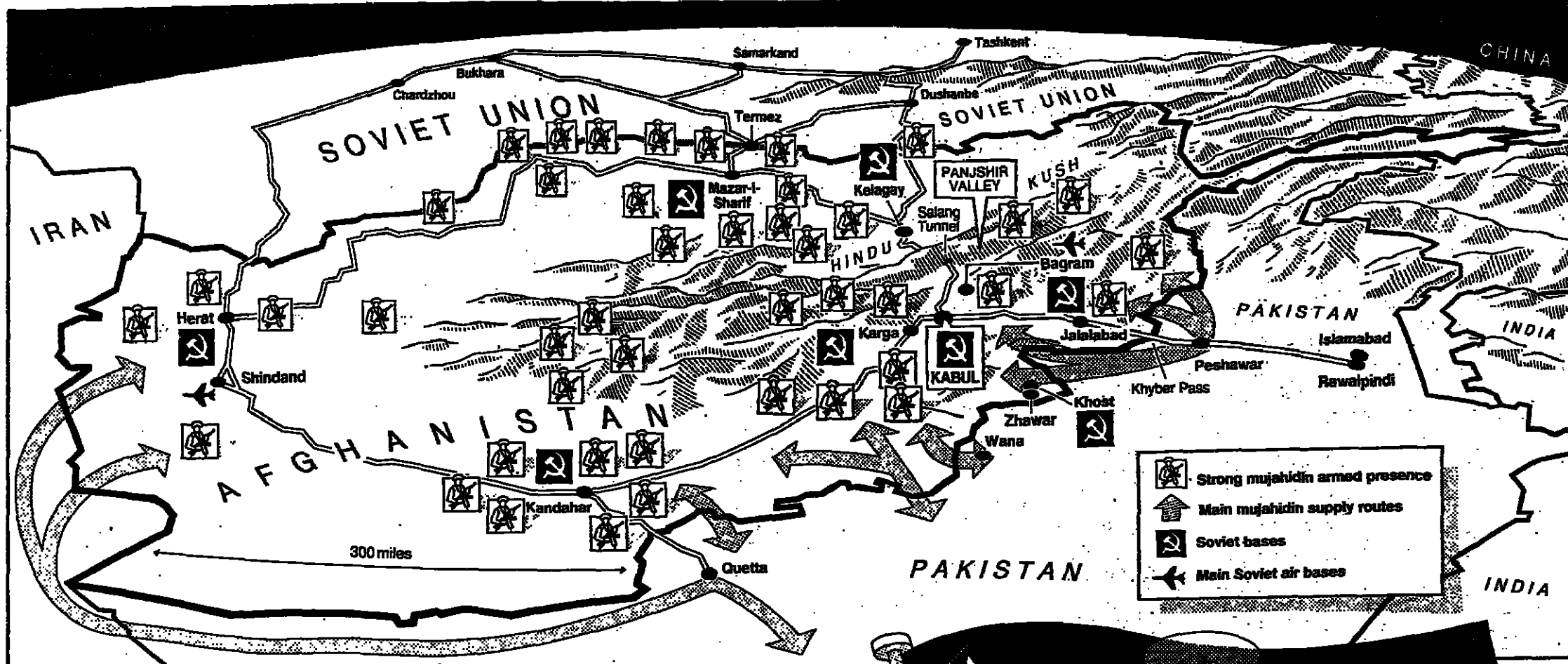


SPECTRUM

Into battle with the holy warriors

Illustration by John Grimwade

Today, more talks aimed at ending the Afghan war begin in Geneva. As the diplomats argue, Sandy Gall, the veteran ITN newscaster, tells of the most recent of his three visits to Afghanistan, when he saw action alongside Ahmed Shah Masud, the charismatic leader of the mujahidin resistance and a thorn in Kabul's communist side



It was a warm evening in early August of last year. The place: north-east Afghanistan. Striding towards us up the narrow valley was a man I had not seen for four years and who had, in the intervening period, been constantly bombed and harassed by the Russians. The Communist government in Kabul once claimed they had killed him, but here he was, very much alive, jaunty even. "Salaam Aleikum" ("Peace be with you"), he said.

He appeared to be unarmed, although he usually carried a Russian pistol in a shoulder holster, and had only two people with him, although we were only 70 miles from the Russian border. This was Ahmed Shah Masud, 33 years old, the legendary Lion of the Panjshir. He has survived nine major Russian offensives against him in seven years, and several assassination attempts. He has been sentenced to death in absentia by the Kabul regime.

We had travelled for 300 miles across the Hindu Kush to interview him. Partly because of his Pimpernel-like elusiveness it had taken us nearly a month to reach him.

We went inside the house at about half-past five and began a conversation which lasted, until 11, Masud began by describing his plans in detail. Four years earlier, he had told me he was going to move out of the Panjshir, where he had become a sitting duck for the Russians, and wage the war on a much wider front. He had not been in the Panjshir for nearly a year, but had been busy organizing the five northern provinces (Baghlan, Kunduz, Takhar, Badakhshan

and Mazar-i-Sharif) along the lines of the Panjshir.

Then came the most exciting piece of news. "I am planning an attack on an Afghan Army garrison (garrison) at Farkhar, not very far from here, in a few days' time." He pointed to it, on his captured Russian map. "It will involve nine groups of about 30 mujahidin each, drawn from all over the north." They would be a blend of battle-hardened mujahidin from the Panjshir and two elite "central" groups recruited not on a local but on a regional basis, plus several local groups with little training or experience.

I asked the strength of the Farkhar garrison. "About 300, grouped in five forts. They are surrounded by minefields and protected by several machine-gun posts on the hills above."

For the next 10 days Masud trained and briefed the groups that slipped quietly into the steep-sided valley. Arms and ammunition arrived on the backs of donkeys, including about 50 rounds for a new weapon, a Chinese-made BM12 rocket launcher which can deliver a 107mm projectile, weighing 19 kilos, three or four miles with considerable accuracy.

Sunday, August 17, was a hot, still day. Masud's men had moved into position overnight and were under orders to lie low until he gave the signal. In late afternoon, Masud and his headquarters team, the signaller carrying a modern backpack radio, climbed to the top of a bare hill looking down on the Farkhar post. One by one he called up his commanders, all of whom had walkie-talkies.

At 5.30pm, Masud gave the order to open fire. Even high up, the thumps and crashes were impressive. Heavy machine-gun fire sizzled across the river which lay between one half of the attacking force and the five forts.

Reckless rifles thumped away like tympans in an orchestra and we could hear the crash of the BM12, sited well back. The forts were now under accurate fire from the heavy weapons teams.

Masud was on the radio. Every time a position was captured, his group would cheer and shout "Allah-u-Akbar" ("God is great"). Suddenly the pitch of the voice from one of the walkie-talkies rose half an octave.

Masud interrupted. "Two-five, two-five, Commander Panna, where are you?"

"I'm here, next to the minefield."

"Don't worry about the mines. Go by the road. We've captured two positions. Hurry up. You can go by the road."

Another commander came on the net. Masud was sharp: "Listen to me. Did you get the big fort?"

"Yes, yes, we've got the mountain fort." There was another cheer.

By last light, with the moon rising behind them as if to celebrate a victory for Islam, Masud's men had captured four of the five forts. The fifth, defended by the KHAD, the Afghan secret police, was still resisting strongly. Panna was pinned down by a machine-gun which for some reason the mujahidin had failed to take. In the small hours Masud broke off the battle.

Two days later, after "a very frank" post-mortem, he ordered a second attack, at dawn. The KHAD fort fell surprisingly quickly, and although the garrison commander fled across the river in his underpants, he and more than 200 of his men were captured, along with a large quantity of arms and supplies. Mujahidin casualties were light: five dead and eight wounded.

Everyone expected instant and heavy Soviet retaliation from the air, but nothing happened for 24 hours. Eventually a couple of helicopters circled over the base. Panna quickly directed some fire at the hillside opposite and the helicopter pilots, thinking these were the mujahidin positions, dropped a couple of bombs and flew off.

Two months later, Masud struck again, capturing another big Afghan army post at Nehrin. When I said goodbye to him, before starting the long trek back, I asked him if he had any message for the outside world.

He grinned. "Yes. Tell them, if you want to see us beat our common enemy, send us the weapons."

As the man who commands the strategic north-east, he feels he should be getting Stinger, the American ground-to-air missile newly arrived in Afghanistan. But, because neither the Pakistanis nor the Americans favour Masud, the most effective guerrilla general produced by the war may never get it.

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KABUL'S FORCES

● The ruling Afghan communist party, the PDPA, split into two warring factions two years after its birth in 1965. In-fighting and score-settling between *khaki* (masses) and *parachut* (flag) groups still continues. The present Afghan leader is secretary-general Dr Najib, a member of the *parachut* wing. Former head of the *Khedamat* - *Elaa-af-e-Dawlat* (KHAD) secret police, where his reputation for toughness earned him the sobriquet "Dr Death".

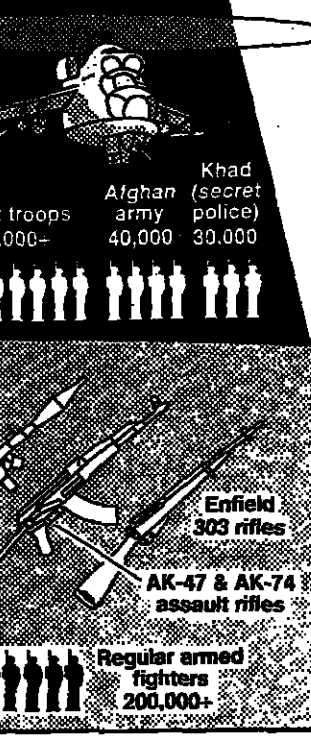
● PDPA membership is estimated at 12-15,000. The Afghan army has fallen from 100,000 in 1978 to about 40,000 because of desertion and low morale. KHAD has an estimated 30,000 members. Reports suggest that feuding between *khaki* and *parachut* members is sometimes so bad that undercover mujahidin are given tip-offs to assist their attacks on PDPA officials.

A MUCH TROUBLED COUNTRY

1918: Afghanistan achieves independence.
1947: British withdrawal from sub-continent. Afghanistan nominally non-aligned but increasingly dependent on USSR.
1965: The communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) founded.
April 1978: PDPA leader Nur Muhammad Taraki comes to power, later ousted by Hafizullah Amin.
December 1979: Soviet forces move in as internal opposition to revolution mounts. Amin murdered by Soviet troops. Baktar Karmal installed as leader.
1982: UN-sponsored talks begin in Geneva between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which does not recognize the legitimacy of the Kabul government.
May 1986: Moscow replaces Karmal with Dr Najib. Reports of first US Stinger missiles in guerrilla hands.
Jan 1987: Six-month ceasefire rejected by rebel parties alliance.
Feb 1987: Geneva talks resume.

RESISTANCE: THE MUJAHIDIN

● The number of regular armed fighters in the mujahidin ("Holy Warriors") is estimated at 200,000, not including civilians from Pakistan and Iran.
● Ten main parties make up the resistance: seven Sunni muslim groups who are based in Peshawar and three Shia groups. Arguably, the most powerful guerrilla group is *Jamiat-i-Islami* whose most celebrated rebel commander is Ahmed Shah Masud. Known as the Che Guevara of Afghanistan, he has survived nine major Soviet offensives on his base in the Panjshir Valley. Masud's fame has spread to the extent that other guerrilla leaders send their men to him for training.
● Other prominent commanders are Abdul Haq of the *Hezb-i-Islami*, and Ismail Khan, another *Jamiat* member, who has established a high reputation in the Herat region.
● Casualties: An estimated 100,000 mujahidin and civilian deaths since 1979.
● Soviet Casualties: Approximately 12,000 killed and a further 30,000 wounded.



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Here they go ...

David Bulstrode explains why merging Fulham and QPR makes good business sense

other business, Marler Estates (whose shares shot up by 153p after the news of another's misfortune). Bulstrode, the former banker who went into "using my own thing - property" in 1978 and picked the assets of his company from £700,000 to £68 million, seemed injured by the suggestion that the buying of Fulham, last year, and now QPR was all a piece of deep-laid plot.

"Pay-off for a plot? No, no... it is really just the

taking of an opportunity. How could we know that Jim Gregory (the QPR chairman) was going to retire at 59? I was surprised when a mutual friend told me. It was this, well, chance which put the merger idea into my head.

"As for being accused of killing Fulham, why not see it as having saved it for a year? When we went in there last summer they had not begun to invite season ticket holders to apply, nor ordered playing kit for the season. That's how down they were. If we were going to kill them, would we have paid off immediate debts, found £350,000 for running costs and £100,000 for players last season?"

Such gestures did, of course, disarm the suspicious. There had, after all, been millionaires taking a sudden interest in football before. Men who elbowed aside the pork-butchers who had run the game since the 1860s, and who only wanted to mingle with players. There had even been those who came in with sound business suggestions, like hiring off a bit of the ground to put up a supermarket or a sports complex.

But a new owner who would stare out across the pitch and day-dream, not of scoring with a towering header, but building a tower-block? That is what football nightmares are made of; and it is the game's tragedy that when daylight came those with the duty to protect it still kept their heads buried beneath covers.

Bulstrode continued: "Look, Fulham were going nowhere. This had been a working-class area, people walked from their cottages to the game. Those cottages now sell for £250,000. There is no local following left. We have just seen our lowest League gate ever - 2,300."

"There was no football solution for Fulham. It had to be a



David Bulstrode: "There was no football solution for Fulham"

property answer. And we had to look far beyond what the others had done.

By others David Bulstrode meant the clubs who had found room for a supermarket beneath the West Stand. "That sort of thing pays off the debt. Then what? What's left when the debts come back - as they will, for there is far too much football."

"Too much football" is one of those slogans given as much credence within the game's administrative structure as any. "The End of the World is Nigh". Some have been shouting it since huge post-war attendances were decimated by the arrival of television.

Will football listen now? "No, yes," Bulstrode said. "We have broken the mould. In the past couple of days I have heard of a couple of clubs thinking along our lines. This is not the solution everywhere: some provincial grounds are suitable for nothing but football. But in London, Crystal Palace, Charlton, Wimbledon, Brentford, Millwall - they can't all survive separately."

What about Chelsea, whose ground he also owns? Why not

a trinity - Fulham and Chelsea managers? Not, Bulstrode replied, under Chelsea's present ownership (their chairman is Ken Bates, with whom Bulstrode has done business).

But if you are talking of rationality, what could be more rational than shifting the team out of Stamford Bridge and selling that, too? "Well, nothing is impossible. It is just not likely."

Between explaining to radio and television why he should not be regarded as "Butcher Bulstrode" he found time in a day which began at 6am to discuss with designers a new shirt which will incorporate the colours and crest of both teams. "I am even going to make sure that Fulham's history and honours are carried in the programme, forever! So the club is still alive."

But if he tries telling them that on the terraces next Saturday David Bulstrode may find it wise to join his money in Jersey exile.

Brian James
Football's fears, pages 39-40

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

'A man becomes a father only on accepting the responsibility for a baby he wants'

The question raised by the unborn baby case, heard in the Court of Appeal, goes straight to the heart. It's hardly surprising to find it ignored there, where emotions have no place.

What we are really arguing about is not when does a foetus become a baby, but when does a man become a father? In the "Baby M" surrogate mother case in America, the man became the father, as far as rights were concerned, when his intention to become one was conceived. In the case of the Oxford students only a baby was conceived. There was no plan, so the courts can only consider the abortion laws. Yet whether or not an 18-week-old foetus can survive out of the womb is no more relevant than are the chances of a four-year-old left unattended in the desert.

The known facts are sketchy, but what we have most definitely are a woman and a man, each claiming that the fate of a baby they conceived

together is up to them. Neither intended to conceive anything.

But the woman, knowing she had taken a risk, saw her doctor and was prescribed a morning-after pill that didn't work. She found herself pregnant and the man she imagined might support her through the ordeal ahead didn't. He saw himself suddenly as a father with rights, and now that it's public knowledge, the nation is asking itself, is he?

Here we have, on the one hand, a young female student completely unprepared and uninterested in having a baby, and believing an abortion is the fastest, least complicated solution, though it wasn't the one she originally sought. Her doctor now tells her she's entitled to one for the sake of her health.

And here we have, on the other hand, a slightly older man, hardly more prepared and presumably just as startled by the turn of events, insisting

she is wrong. His grounds, as we have heard them in court, are based on the morality of an abortion so late in a pregnancy. As a father, he says he is entitled to plead for his baby's life.

It's moving stuff. But is he entitled? If he wants the woman to complete the pregnancy and have the baby adopted, I can't help thinking his concern may be less for the child than for his conscience, and it's a pity his conscience didn't alert him to the natural consequences of his act.

No woman deals with an unwanted pregnancy flippantly, no matter how stoically she appears to bear it. The first person to assail her with emotional blackmail is herself. If she insists on the right to choose, no one should imagine it's an easy choice.

But then again, what if he wants the baby because he would like to raise it? What if he already feels bonded to the baby as I have felt bonded to babies in the early months of a pregnancy? Why

shouldn't he feel an attachment that's supposed to be maternal? Just because the baby wasn't planned and there's no cosy family for it to be born into, if he feels like this, then surely he does have rights.

If the roles were reversed and I made a man pregnant, and he said he didn't want to have the baby but I passionately did, I'm not sure I wouldn't want to argue my case as long and as loud as I could.

Who knows what is driving the man? The court could only decide whether his foetus should be allowed to live — and it's just as well. It would be hard to legislate on anything as haphazard as a father's interest.

A man becomes a father, in my view, only when he accepts responsibility for a baby he wants and not before. He isn't a father just because his girlfriend is pregnant.

Barbara Toner

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Black marks for the cane

From August pupils on the assisted places scheme cannot be caned, so independent schools this week are being told to think again about corporal punishment. Sarah Drummond finds out how they are maintaining discipline

The law on corporal punishment in schools will change in August, and it could effectively create two classes of pupils — the beatable and the unbeatable. The latter group would include the 35,000 pupils on assisted places (spread among 234 fee-paying schools), and the thousands of children with parents in the armed forces or diplomatic services working abroad, whose schooling costs the Government £83 million a year and who are all protected by law.

The Independent Schools Joint Council is writing to more than 1,300 preparatory and public schools explaining the legislation and advising them to review their attitudes to corporal punishment. The tone of the letter is abolitionist.

Most independent schools (including Eton, Tonbridge, Bryanston, Marlborough, Radley, Charterhouse, Winchester, Bradfield, King's Canterbury and Gordonstoun, which is reputedly the toughest of all the public schools) have already abolished caning, a few use it very rarely and the rest are likely to follow suit. Any school wishing to retain corporal punishment must now have evidence from parents agreeing to use it if necessary either via a clear statement in the prospectus or with a signed document. Iis, the Independent Schools Information Service, which runs an advisory service on its member schools, does not record which use corporal punishment and which do not. "Check with the head and the prospectus," parents are advised.

But if caning is out of favour, discipline is not indeed, discipline is one of the big selling points of independent schools, and the acceptance of rules is essential if a school is to function well: infringement spells punishment. The head's ultimate punishment is expulsion, preceded by suspension, and gating. Pupils may be expelled for a range of reasons. The crammers and sixth form colleges, which often take pupils expelled from private schools, say that the drugs purge which began two years ago is over. One of London's leading tutorial colleges, Collingham's, say that the

refugees from private schools are currently with them, "not because of some major crime, but because of just one more thing — like dyeing hair — after constant warnings and probably a history of drinking, smoking and teenage bolshie-dom".

Some parents wish the schools would take a firmer line. Suspensions can misfire badly, and the inconvenience to parents may far outweigh the punishment to the child. "There is a limit to how long you can remain enraged with your daughter — human nature takes over pretty fast," said the mother of a girl sacked from school for drinking and "wild behaviour". The girl had been sent home while her parents were abroad and was delighted to be on a loose rein in their absence.

Recently, a boy suspended from Westminster was not allowed the soft option of staying at home. His irate father sent him to work with the Missions for Seamen, where scrubbing floors by day and working on his books at night did him "no end of good". At another public school, a housemaster telephoned a boy's parents to say he was suspending their son. The furious father persuaded the reluctant housemaster, instead, to give the boy a good hiding.

Modern equivalents of corporal punishment, such as the drudgery of manual chores and communal tasks, take longer and have many forms. The French Lycée makes pupils scrape chewing gum from beneath desks; Marlborough makes them clear away trays in the dining hall; at Millfield, it's cleaning windows; at Tudor Hall they must clean all the school's shoes. Eton's punishment is picking moss out of the lawn.

Early morning runs are common at many boys' public schools (and occasionally girls' for minor offences. Cold baths and showers and the writing of lines continue, too (though at Heathfield, a girls' school, pupils copy the front page of *The Times*, rather than write "I must not...").

Punishments, though, often fit specific crimes: thus, at James



Allen's Girls' School disruptive girls must sit silently doing nothing after school. Poor work invariably means more work. Richard Barker, headmaster of mixed Sevenoaks School, imposes two hours special duty on Sundays, starting at 7am, under his own jurisdiction.

Fines are in regular use at some schools ("Parents dipping into their pockets yet again," said one angry). The fine is £5 for smoking at Charterhouse; at St Mary's, Caine, it's £5 for the first cigarette (next time, a letter is sent to the parents), £2 for scribbling on desks, smaller sums for losing kit.

Drink is a new, a serious problem and heads are cracking down. "Our pupils start with a disadvantage," according to one master, "coming from gin and tonic homes."

Increasingly, schools turn to counselling as a way of helping both pupils and staff through difficulties. Dr Philip Boyd is a psychiatrist who ran the adolescent psychiatric unit

at a large London hospital for 16 years. Twelve years ago he started making weekly visits to Eton, later adding King's Canterbury, Wycliffe Abbey and most recently St Paul's (boys) to the list he attends each week.

His role is the same in each, though he is variously called counsellor or psychiatrist — a term that frightens away some pupils and occasionally parents and a few teachers who may feel threatened or criticized. There are many referral methods — no one is ever forced to attend and many go voluntarily. "I can often 'capture' a youngster," Dr Boyd says, "once they realize that I'm available to listen to all they've got to say, and they perceive that I have understood them." He will also counsel staff about pupils who are worrying them.

Cases he sees fall into various categories of distress — anxiety, pressure of work (common at striving schools with high academic

standards, Dr Boyd says), bad conduct, depression and other emotional difficulties, and relationships. One of the most important tasks with all youngsters, according to Dr Boyd, is for a child to make satisfactory peer group relationships. "Integration into the group and friendships are a vital and sometimes difficult part of school life," he says.

Dr Boyd discovers many kinds of teasing, competitiveness, targeting, scapegoating, "mental" bullying (and he observes how powerfully articulate are pupils at these sophisticated schools). The help he gives is usually through counselling ("I don't give advice — or try not to — everyone else does that"), helping the young person to examine the confusion he or she is feeling about personal issues, looking at the choices and options available and discussing them and the feelings involved, "offering wisdom in terms of personal response".

He exercises his role as psychiatrist, and psycho-therapist to a lesser extent, for more serious difficulties. "Boarding school is the stage on which the drama of family life is acted out," he says. When Dr Boyd meets the family, he finds, inevitably, some of the roots of a problem.

Many of the children he sees are from broken homes — an extreme example was the boy who had had four fathers, four mothers, four homes, "and no single room to stick his posters in". He is sometimes consulted about disciplinary matters (and mentions in passing that some boys would rather have a beating, to be over and done with a punishment).

Drink and smoking problems crop up frequently ("Schools in towns are often undermined by local shopkeepers," he observes), and so does "carelessness" in borrowing.

"The lack of consideration today of other people's property is a commonplace, both in school and outside, and must imply a lack of respect for people — a kind of selfishness, and a failure to understand the reciprocity that is essential to human society," Dr Boyd says.

This lack of order in society, he says, is in part a reflection of stress in family life, which in turn is mirrored in the communal living at school: "It reproduces the same elements, suffers from the same lack of structure. Public schools — and others — today are trying hard to hold back a disintegrative process."

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Weight loss winner: Angelika Visser takes the trophy

Win friends, lose weight

Fat may be a feminist issue, but some women still measure success on the scales

The winner of the Weight Watchers "Worldwide Member of the Year" was Angelika Visser of Germany. Miss Visser, resident in a red silk outfit, walked across the stage at London's Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. At one side of the stage was a large picture of Miss Visser as she used to be when, in the dark days before her diet, she weighed in at more than 23 stone. There was a sharp intake of breath as the announcer read out the statistics. "A loss of 12st 8lb." A congratulatory wave rippled through the audience. It could be done. Fat could be beaten. Four hundred women in the darkness of the auditorium sucked in their tummies.

The event was the annual international meeting of Weight Watchers held last Thursday. Twenty-two countries sent their most deserving Weight Watcher member to compete for the title. It was a very convivial occasion. Women greeted each other with the triumphant cry of overweight newly slimmed: "Darling! you look marvellous!" The affair had the atmosphere of a revival meeting.

"This has nothing to do with losing weight," explained Sylvia Fein from New Jersey, USA. "It's about being a part of humanity."

Being part of humanity, however, means having to deal with the problem of excess poundage, particularly if you live in America where an estimated 60 per cent of women have tried to lose weight in the last year. It was in America that Weight Watchers International began, back in 1963 in the homey parlour of Mrs Jean Niditch who decided to share her new diet with a few friends. Mrs Niditch has long been bought out by the H J Heinz company who paid £46 million for her secrets in 1978.

Before the contest began, the backstage betting was on the American contestant, an elegant 51-year-old woman dressed in cornflower blue, with no apparent tummy or contours to mar her whippet-thin figure. But the public relations girl explained earnestly: "This contest is definitely not based on looks."

It all reminded me of the time I was a judge of the Miss Canada Universe contest. The organizers there had been

opposed by feminist groups, who despised the idea of attractive women showing off their looks. All of us were earnestly instructed to ignore beauty in our evaluation of the contestants, even though there would be a bathing suit competition. We were to look for "communicative abilities" and personality instead.

The judges in the Weight Watchers contest were urged to evaluate contestants based on lifestyle changes before and after weight loss. I had never thought about the lifestyle problem of being grotesquely overweight, but they do exist. One contestant couldn't fit into aeroplane seats or go to a cinema. Others talked about buying anything in a clothes shop so long as it was in size 28. The trauma of all this apparently sends many people charging back to the fridge, where they indulge in wild fits of chocolate consumption.

Mrs Jean Niditch was present at the event. She was introduced by Diana Moran, the Green Goddess, who first told a moving story about a cousin of hers who was not as beautiful as she, Diana. The cousin was fat and lumpy until she joined Weight Watchers. Now she was glorious, said Diana breathlessly, and they were such good friends.

The woman next to me dabbed her eyes when Mrs Niditch came on to the platform. "Isn't she wonderful?" she said. "I just adore her."

There was a standing ovation for Mrs Niditch who told everyone about how the press always asked her how successful Weight Watchers was. What did that mean, asked Mrs Niditch rhetorically? How do you measure success? By the number of members or the size of the bank account? I started nodding at both suggestions, but these were the wrong answers. You measure success by the length of time people can keep their lost pounds off. Weight Watchers, said Mrs Niditch, was a 24-year success.

Mrs Niditch's methods are taking root in this country, with 2,000 Weight Watcher classes every week. A dietician friend of mine once confessed that most people are overweight simply because they eat too much. All that's required, she said, is for people to eat moderately whatever they like but not in excess. Still, for those who require the tyranny of the group to escape the problems genuine obesity can bring, group diet clubs offer a harmless enough recipe of pop psychology and evenings out with new friends. It sounds like a formula for our times.

Barbara Amiel

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Sweet charity

Mrs Thatcher — Diane, not Margaret — will probably return to Dallas to find her mailbox crammed with requests from the philanthropic Ladies Who Lunch. Among the city's charities is one particularly poignant scheme to fulfil the special wishes of children who have life-threatening illnesses, sparked by one young leukaemia sufferer's dream of becoming a policeman. Before he died, the delighted child became an honorary State Trooper, complete with helmet, uniform and badge — and that

Top travel

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Spy film farce

The BBC's attempts to stop screenings of the controversial spy-in-the-sky Zircon film have degenerated into farce, I hear. Anxious to be seen acting to prevent showings at a cinema in Oxford it gained a High Court injunction, even though by then the film had been shown three times. Now I discover that the court ban applied to a four-hour period after the fourth showing — and the fifth and final showing was not due until the next evening. Magnanimously, the cinema owner, William Aitken, agreed to cancel the final showing and the court order was reissued. The BBC disclaims responsibility for the mix-up. More seriously, it denies a report in an Oxford newspaper that the ban was issued by the BBC "not to rush in and ruin" the fourth screening... "if there was a full house or the show had started". Either way, it went ahead — to the delight of its undergraduate audience.

Family concern

One of the main aims of a "quality of life" campaign being launched by Westminster Council this spring is to rid the streets not of muggers but of abandoned supermarket trolleys. It is a problem with which the campaign's instigator, Lady Porter, the leader of the council, should be familiar. She is the daughter of Tesco's founder, Jack Cohen, and the wife of its chairman, Sir Leslie Porter. Her local Tesco, I am assured, loses trolleys like all the rest.

Boot boys

As I predicted yesterday, the latest *New Socialist*, published from the Labour Party's London HQ, has bitten deep with an attack by its editor, Stuart Weir, on the party's leadership and policies. One front-bench spokesman gulped cynically: "Thanks, Stuart. If you can get the ball in the back of the net that's all that counts... even if it is an own goal."

● Sign spotted in a Chelsea restaurant: "Plat du jour, changed each day."

Electric shock

Should doubts linger over the consequences of privatizing national industries, the letters page of the journal of the Electrical Power Engineers Association should lay them to rest. In this month's issue, a South Wales member writes to give warning: "If members cannot be bothered to consider the terrible consequences for the industry and the consumers, perhaps they would consider it on a personal basis. I am sure that no private industry management will continue to support the generous working arrangements that staff currently enjoy..."

BARRY FANTONI



Things must be bad... I bought my copy from a Druze militiaman.

Deirdre's dread

If the pundits are right and Labour's Deirdre Wood is pipped at the post in Greenwich it will not be first time she has been beaten by the Alliance. At the local elections in Tower Hamlets nine years ago, she was knocked into sixth place by a trio of Liberal candidates. Even Herry Hawkesbee and Thomas Cradington, Labour's other evocatively named candidates, polled more votes.

Light relief

As Goldcrest's *The Mission* clambers towards an Oscar, evangelists in the United States are boasting that they have persuaded its distributors to provide a more up-beat ending than the grim vision of missionaries Jeremy Irons and Robert de Niro being gunned down. Now, after the killings, American audiences are treated to a postscript caption saying: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it — John, Chapter 1, Verse 5." Warner Brothers yesterday insisted that director Roland Joffe had himself decided to insert the caption and had not bowed to the religious lobby.

Red letter

A society at Nottingham University has received a terribly friendly letter from "Red" Ken Livingstone, the former GLC leader, declining an invitation to speak there because of commitments in the run-up to the election. It concludes mysteriously: "Things will undoubtedly change after the next general election and it should be worthwhile your approaching me again if you are still interested and I am still alive."

PHS

Beyond the faceless society

Michael Dynes reports on 'softomics', a Japanese search for new human frontiers

knowledge-based products and the impact of technology on social organization, notably the role of women in Japanese society.

At the heart of softomics is the conviction that just as advances in mass production acted as a substitute for, and augmentation of, human muscle-power, so advances in high technology can be seen as a substitute for and augmentation of brain-power.

But the softomics researchers think that whereas the age of mass production ushered in industrial concentration, material abundance, alienation and environmental destruction, the revolution in high technology will lead to the breakdown and dispersal of the commanding heights of industry and the proliferation of the small business — a move away from materialism towards spiritual and cultural fulfilment and the renaissance of small associations and humanistic values.

Some of this thesis may shade into utopianism. But there has already been a marked shift in business activity towards the small-scale production of a greater

variety of products in almost everything from textiles to engineering. This is benefiting those enterprises in touch with consumer preferences, and capable of responding rapidly to changes in consumer demand. Large industrial conglomerates, geared for mass production, are already competing at a disadvantage.

While manufacturing continues to stagnate in most advanced industrial economies, investment in information-oriented and knowledge-intensive sectors is increasing fast. The economic centre of gravity is effectively shifting from material to knowledge products.

Disillusion with mere affluence has put a new premium on the quality of life. The new consumer breed values the aesthetic, individual quality of the product as much as the product itself, and is gradually affecting patterns of consumption.

Increased leisure time is promoting a shift away from vicarious experience in favour of direct participation. Acquiescence in the dominance of faceless mass

organizations — particularly notable in Japan — is being eroded by a demand for identity in small-scale associations at places of learning, work and leisure. The revolt against the faceless society has begun.

Having mapped out a blueprint of the broad direction of society, Japanese softomics researchers are now busily working out how best government can assist in minimizing the pains of transition. Government expenditure on declining economic activities, for example, is being redirected towards new high-tech and service areas. Moreover, the information being gathered about technological change as a whole is being used to formulate the basis of new economic and social policies.

In Britain, we are aware that recent advances in technology and information have precipitated profound changes in the structure of industry and employment, changes which are far from fully worked out. But only a handful of observers have grasped that the decline, fragmentation and dispersal of industry may have already taken us to the point where traditional government economic intervention is very difficult. There has been virtually no attempt to examine the implications for the future shape of government and society.

Woodrow Wyatt

Mr Kinnock and the smiling bear

In his recent *Panorama* interview with Sir Robin Day, Mr Kinnock said that we did not owe the last 40 years of peace in Europe to nuclear weapons. Russia was quite content with the domination she had achieved in Europe when the war with Germany ended. Russia, he felt, had no aggressive intentions in Europe, if only for the reason that she knew she would be incapable of absorbing and controlling any more western European territory. Consequently, it was a myth that we had ever needed nuclear weapons as a deterrent because Russia had never been a threat and was constrained by circumstances from being one.

Mr Kinnock was three when the war in Europe ended; he was six at the time of the Berlin blockade; he was 14 when Russia stamped on momentarily free Hungary; he was 19 when the Russians built the Berlin Wall; he had not long left university at Cardiff when Russia crushed the Czechoslovakian "Spring" in 1968. Mr Kinnock is probably typical of others of his generation who are unsurprised by the steady peace in which they have been nurtured.

At Oxford in the three years before 1939 we knew that a European war was close and inevitable. We lived in the shadow of it, and hoped, uncertainly, not to be killed in it. Today most, including campaigners for nuclear disarmament, take peace for granted. There is not a strong disposition to inquire why this should be so, which gives Mr Kinnock's policy of throwing out our own nuclear weapons a superficial appeal.

Mr Gorbachev's friendly smiles and rational talk reinforced the view that there is nothing to worry about. Is he not releasing dissidents and edging towards tiny bits of free expression? And, by proposing that two communists instead of one may be candidates for a post, hinting at democracy?

It is possible to acquit Mr Gorbachev of deliberately trying to lull us into dropping our guard the better to leap on us later, but it is not sensible to disregard the nature of communist Russia. Mr Kinnock was rejected by the traditional communists for making small reforms, and recent changes in China have shown how easy it is for communist revisionists, and their minute advances, to be swept away.

I do wish Mr Kinnock would read some history. Since 1462, Russia, then relatively small, has moved always outwards: to conquer neighbouring countries. The Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan and other vast areas were all swallowed and retained against opposition. Just before the last war Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania were annexed and in 1939 Russia tried to do the same to Finland. Stalin's division with Hitler of Poland was straight old Russian imperialism.

The postwar occupation of eastern European countries was as much due to this as to irrational

fears of a western attack. As late as 1979 Russia began the attempt totally to subjugate Afghanistan. Imperialism added to a terrifying armed communism is a terrifying force. There is no reason to suppose that Russia would feel herself incapable of planting and maintaining troops all over Europe if she thought there were no nuclear weapons to deter her, and never mind Mr Gorbachev's smiles.

In his *Panorama* broadcast Mr Kinnock pronounced that it was acceptable for superpowers to have nuclear weapons and implied that there might be delays in removing American nuclear bases from Britain. He remained determined instantly to abolish our own nuclear deterrent. A Marplan poll in *The Guardian* last week suggests that he may have public opinion the wrong way round. Though 56 per cent in Britain disapproved of American nuclear weapons in Europe, and only 35 per cent approved of them, nevertheless 61 per cent either wanted to develop our own nuclear weapons further or leave our nuclear arsenal as it is.

Mr Kinnock might get some sympathy from some of his own generation who, like him, do not understand the peacekeeping role of the US nuclear umbrella, but little from the great majority who, perhaps partly because of their distrust of America, want to keep our own nuclear defences so that our foreign policy can be the more independent.

As the leader of the anti-American party Mr Kinnock could get some mileage out of spurning reliance on the American nuclear deterrent while resolving to improve and enlarge ours. He is in a complicated moral position. The aims of the CND, which he supports, are to get the USA, France and Britain onside to give up their nuclear weapons, and trust Mr Gorbachev and his successors, because of the inherent immorality of owning nuclear weapons. Originally that seemed to be Mr Kinnock's position and, dare one mention it, that of Mrs Kinnock. But on *Panorama* Mr Kinnock somehow got himself into suggesting that American nuclear weapons are moral. I see his difficulty.

President Reagan and his advisers made a bad mistake over the Iranian arms deal, prompting many to wonder whether the US was wandering around like a headless chicken. That is insignificant in relation to the great stream of history which compels us to nurture our alliance with America, including dependence on her nuclear umbrella, or be drowned. Presumably the current distaste for it is because we have assumed automatic US protection for so long that we have forgotten where it came from.

Meanwhile the time to start believing in the steadiness of Russian good intentions is when she has removed her occupying troops from eastern Europe and restored independence to the Baltic states at least.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

The great British melodrama

Miss Glenda Jackson has appeared in Greenwich in support of Mrs Deirdre Wood, the Labour candidate in tomorrow's poll there.

Miss Jackson showed a grasp of the issues and clearly possessed all the qualifications to represent the constituency in Parliament. But there can be little doubt that Mrs Wood is the greater actress. Her performance as the Wronged Woman in the Greenwich by-election remains a searing experience. The great central scene, where the 'Wronged Woman' weeps when a Tory tabloid threatens to reveal that her father was an alcoholic who died in a Salvation Army hostel, still retains its power to move an audience every time Mrs Wood plays it.

For those unfamiliar with the work, the Greenwich by-election is an Ibsen-esque piece about a feminist, pro-peace, pro-gay activist — played by Mrs Woods — whose attempts to get into Parliament are going badly until she is bound by the aforementioned Tory popular press. They accuse her, among other things, of the sin of practising a "middle class lifestyle".

Naturally, once those beasts start printing brutal stuff about her, it begins to look as if she can't lose. For such is the priggish era in which the by-election is set, the popular press is widely frowned upon. There follows the scene in which the tearful candidate is consoled by the outstretched arm of the bearded MP who is her campaign manager — sympathetically played here by the veteran Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras South, Lab) — in the privacy of a hastily-summoned press conference.

Then the Labour candidate faces a personal crisis. A plump Irishman from the television — regally played here by the veteran Vincent Hanna — starts producing strange prophecies, known as "opinion polls" which predict that the Wronged Woman may not win after all. The Irishman's "polls" suggest that victory might go to a middle-class woman named Rosie, from the bourgeois Social Democratic

Party, even though the Irish beast brutes have written nothing horrible about her.

Yesterday Mr Tony Banks, as the Labour MP for Newham North West, marvellously carried off the scene in which a chirpy cockney Labour MP tries to retrieve the situation by asking the Prime Minister — icily played here by the veteran Margaret Thatcher — to condemn the press attacks on the Wronged Woman.

Mr Banks spoke the well-known lines with superbly-controlled anger: "Will the Right Hon Lady condemn utterly the vicious, personal and dishonest attacks by certain papers against Deirdre Wood, the Labour candidate in the Greenwich by-election?" asks the MP terrifyingly.

Then he adds with utter disdain: "Since the Prime Minister clearly has such influence with these newspapers, will she call the editors in and see if she can get some honest comment on the by-election."

To which the Prime Minister replies with equal passion: "I am the first to condemn vicious personal attacks from whatever quarter they come and the first to say that politics everywhere should be about constructive policies". Whereupon, the Labour MP becomes crazed with jealousy at the possibility that the Prime Minister might get the credit with the public for condemning the popular press.

The work was considered revolutionary in its time. In yesterday's production a Tory backbencher, Mr Robert Hayward, came on in the form of a point of order and said that he had just collected all Labour's personal attacks in Parliament on the Prime Minister's husband and son. They amounted to a seven-foot long sheet of paper, which he proceeded to brandish in the chamber. It was another example of one of those clever producers tampering with the classics. The Greenwich by-election is about personal attacks on defenceless Labour victims, not on Tories. It seems impossible nowadays for audiences to avoid politicised productions of well-known by-elections.

Robert Fisk reports from West Beirut on Assad's dramatic gamble

Syria's cruel coalition

You only have to stand by the road junction at Khaldi in West Beirut to understand what the Syrians have in mind if the story rages above the old motorway stand a line of T-62 battle tanks, their barrels pointing northwards towards the slums of Hay el-Sellum and Bourj el-Barajneh. Just past the road intersection, T54s are dug in beside Beirut airport's runway. Their barrels are pointing towards the same slums.

And up at Aramoun, on the heights above Beirut, Syrian artillery is trained on the narrow streets of the Shia Muslim suburbs.

The Syrian army's suppression of Hama and Tripoli is no folk memory in Beirut. In both cities — the first in Syria itself and the second in northern Lebanon — Muslim fundamentalists threatened the Syrian regime and were crushed by President Assad's "special forces" troops ruthlessly in the case of Hama, less mercilessly in Tripoli.

Those same special forces now form the vanguard of the 4,500 troops whose principal opposition in Beirut lies within the great arc of slums that stretch from the airport to the ruins of the old green-line crossing-point at Galerie Semaan.

In that overcrowded and infinitely poor neighbourhood lie the seeds of all Syria's future problems in Lebanon: the Palestinian guerrillas of the great Bourj el-Barajneh camp; the beaten Shia Muslim Amal militia; the increasingly powerful Hezbollah (party of God) which has taken control of hundreds of square miles of Muslim Lebanon; and (the Syrians have little doubt of this) most of the 26 foreign hostages whose fate has already crippled the power of the American presidency.

The Syrian soldiers have established themselves in West Beirut in a typically methodical way that demonstrates their intention. They have moved into the best-defended militia offices and they have replaced the street portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini with the smiling features of Hafez el-Assad, who in the eyes of cynics is president of Lebanon as well as of Syria.

Their presence may not be benign but they have brought an end to the looting and murder of the past week. For this, most people here are profoundly grateful. President Gensyvel has condemned the Syrian intervention as "unconstitutional" (the constitution being somewhat underrated in West Beirut these days) and the Israelis have complained about what they call "expanded Syrian intervention".

Last week's anarchy in West Beirut was a disgrace. Palestinian gunmen and Lebanese civilians as well as militiamen were involved in the wholesale looting of apartment blocks and of the Commodore Hotel. For the Americans to criticize the Syrian entry, on the ground that the Lebanese had to sort out their problems, was preposterous. West Beirut had



Syrian soldiers putting up smiling posters of Assad in West Beirut yesterday, replacing Khomeini.

fallen apart and there was no internal power that could have crushed the madness.

Thus Assad can assume a strong moral position over the next few days. His soldiers have saved countless lives in West Beirut and they have swept the militias out of the commercial sector. They have announced that western embassies should return to their compounds.

But that is not why the Syrians came to Beirut. They drove into the city last week because the forces they had hoped to control here had collapsed and the forces opposed to them were growing into giants. The secular Amal militia, the sect, nationalist focus for Shia Muslim militancy, had been driven out of much of West Beirut by the Druze. Far more seriously, Amal's corruption had driven many thousands of young men to look to the Hezbollah for inspiration. And the Hezbollah had formed an unspoken alliance with Syria's Palestine Liberation Organization enemies in the camps.

In theory, therefore, those tank barrels pointed towards the Shia slums of southern Beirut have effectively isolated Syria's most urgent problems. The Lebanese might be sublimely happy if this was the case. But it is not.

The Syrians have merely postponed another, far worse confrontation to the south of the capital. For around Sidon and the Shia villages further south — all the way down to the thin strip of territory still patrolled by United Nations troops — the seams of old alliances are falling apart.

Lebanese communists, many of whom are Shia Muslims, are now being murdered by Shia Muslim Amal gunmen who fought against the communists in Beirut.

The Sunni Muslims of Sidon, whose sympathies lie with the PLO guerrillas around their city,

now regard Shia Muslims from the south with deep suspicion. A new front line is coming into being just beyond Sidon, with Sunni and Shia forces facing each other.

Amal itself is disintegrating. In Beirut its militia units have been savagely mauled in the street battles. In the south its members are deserting in favour of the Hezbollah.

In villages such as Sidon and Khirbet Sim, even the United Nations does not patrol on foot. In the latter village, the people have even ordered the UN not to use armoured vehicles. Around the village of Bra Sheet, Amal and Hezbollah are mounting joint patrols.

The Iranian ambassador in Beirut is a frequent visitor. The Islamic republic of southern Lebanon is no more a dream.

In an attempt to shore up Amal's flagging prestige, the UN is even, incredibly, considering allowing the militia to set up checkpoints within the UN zone.

Amal, of course, is Syria's ally; but the Israelis consider it to be the most compliant of their opponents in Lebanon. Syria and Israel share a number of common aims. Neither wants the Hezbollah to grow more powerful. Neither wishes to allow the PLO to continue its renaissance in Lebanon. Both are hoping that Amal will assist them in these aims.

But the Syrians have embarked upon a dramatic gamble in Beirut, committing their army to a mission that has defeated the efforts of every previous military force in the country, including their own. For this reason, their occupation is going to be a ruthless one.

It is an army that will have to liquidate its opponents rather than appeal to their sense of honour. How soon the Lebanese are asking, before the Syrian intelligence service begins a programme of assassinations to castrate their militia enemies in West Beirut?

There are now as many as a thousand Syrian *mukhabarat* security agents in West Beirut and they have already penetrated the southern Shia Muslim suburbs. How will Syria's enemies respond to the growing pressure on them?

In the last days of the earlier Syrian presence in Beirut, a series of car bombs were directed at their soldiers. A repetition — with Palestinian help this time — could provoke bloodletting on an even more frightening scale than anything Beirut has experienced these past five years.

There is, of course, a trade to be made: hostages for non-intervention. If the Hezbollah will produce some foreign captives for Syria to "free", the Syrians could stay out of the southern suburbs. But this will not bring an end to the power of the Islamic fundamentalists that so frightens Syria.

The Hezbollah was nurtured with the help of Iran and of Syria, but now it pursues a policy of such unbending hostility to Israel and the West that Syria regards it as a threat not only to its allies in Lebanon but to itself as well.

The battle for Beirut is therefore not yet over. Nor is the struggle of the Palestinians in Lebanon who, as ever, are fighting their fellow Arabs rather than their Israeli enemies.

Syria does not want to annex Lebanon geographically. Damascus has never tried to impose its currency or its laws or even its Ba'ath party on Lebanon. But its efforts to create a friendly nationalist Muslim alliance have long ago been forgotten.

The militias that will be allied to Syria in future will be a cruel coalition welded together by blood rather than ideological affinity and existing in a neutered Lebanon. If Syria fails, President Assad's own fate could be sealed. Which is why the coming upheaval is likely to be so brutal.

Ruskin's Pathetic Fallacy, which means the tendency to credit nature and inanimate objects with human emotions.

To speak of the cruel sea or the weeping sky is to show symptoms of the Pathetic Fallacy. Burns was in the grip of a severe bout of it when he wrote:

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon
How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair
How can ye chant, ye little birds,
And I sae weary fu' o' care!

Computers and VDUs are clever, sophisticated machines. But they are still machines, with no power to think for themselves, and therefore can be described as friendly or hostile only metaphorically. Customer: "Excuse me, sir. Do you have any user-friendly sales reps?" Store manager: "You mean, consumer compatible live-wire? No, he's off today."

Keyboard error

Philip Howard: New Words for Old

record of the alleged coiner of a new phrase. The computer and electronics magazine *Interfaces* of May 1979 asserts: "User-friendliness is a term coined by Harlan Crowder to represent the inherent ease (or lack of ease) which is encountered when running a computer system."

The term has caught on in Britain, which follows in the computer footprint-out of America in technology and slang. It has also started to spawn derivatives.

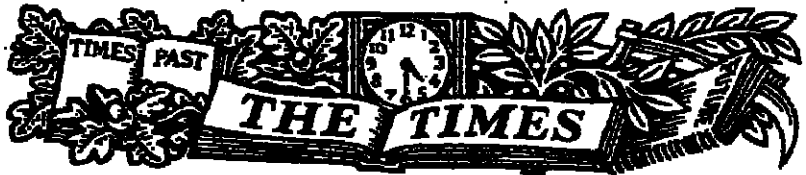
Here is a "user-unfriendly" in a general rather than a computer context from *The Daily Telegraph* in 1986: "Anybody who has tugged heavy hand-baggage down endless airport corridors, or waited for a delayed flight in a

sterile lounge, will know how user-unfriendly many airports are in design terms."

And here is a user-hostile in a technological context, again from the *Telegraph* in 1986: "The typical electronic mail service is pretty user-hostile, requiring awkward and some complicated sign-on messages, and not particularly logical commands."

I know that it is tempting to treat these clever machines, which flash "Good Morning" and "Wrong Syntax" at you, as though they were human. Their infallibility and smugness can be infuriating. But to suppose that the machine can actually be friendly, unfriendly, hostile or aggressive is merely a modern outbreak of

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A CHARTER FOR TRADE UNIONS

Trade union reform, the Government evidently believes, still has electoral appeal. The Green Paper, *Trade Unions and their Members*, published yesterday might well have been produced at any time in the three years since the 1984 Trade Union Act. Coming at this juncture, it serves to remind voters of the Government's earlier reforms in this area and enables ministers to present themselves once again as champions of the individual against the oppression of old-style union bosses.

The Government's proposals are none the worse for being an early chapter of the election manifesto. Ministers are almost certainly right in thinking that sticking up for the individual member's rights against the trade union barony is a rallying cry which can still command a following. Since the last instalment of union legislation we have been through the coal strike and several lesser disputes, including that of the printworkers at Wapping, which have brought no unequivocal reassurance that everything is now right with the law.

In detail, the proposals concentrate on areas of the unions' relationship with their members which have already been the subject of legislation, extending and amending provisions already in place. Employers, for instance, already have the right to take unions to court for requiring their members to breach their contracts of employment, but that does not necessarily provide protection for members

themselves who want to work. It is now proposed that individuals as well as their employers should be able to take action restraining their unions. In addition unions would not be able to penalise members who cross picket lines to honour their contracts of employment.

The Green Paper would further restrict operation of the post-entry closed shop by removing legal immunity from action by unions to expel employees who are unwilling to join. Reinstatement or compensation for employees sacked because they refuse to join the union will become automatic. But it is a pity that the Government has not also found a way of tackling the pre-entry closed shop where employers take on only members of a certain union, despite the scope for litigation by disappointed job applicants claiming discrimination on union grounds.

Democracy within the union is strengthened by the closing of loopholes which have enabled union leaders to escape the need for re-election. Few will support Mr Arthur Scargill's right to give up his vote as president of the National Union of Mineworkers, but not his office, and thereby avoid having to submit himself for re-election to the executive.

All elections are also made fully postal with independent supervision, now that unions have had two years in which to draw up a proper list of members. Members are given a right to inspect their unions'

accounts so that they can check how funds are being applied and make sure they are not being applied in ways of which they disapprove.

Most important, perhaps, the Government is proposing a new Commissioner for Trade Union Affairs to help union members. For an individual, the idea of taking his or her union to a court of law is a daunting prospect which will be alleviated by financial or other support from an independent official. The Equal Opportunities and Racial Equality models on which the new post is based can hardly offend.

There are several big issues which the present Green Paper does not touch. No progress is made with arrangements to prevent strikes in essential services, despite the pledge in the 1983 Conservative manifesto. Nor is the Government seeking to try to introduce legally enforceable contracts of employment. These are not necessarily off the agenda, but they move into different areas of principle, and they are areas where there is not the same consensus in favour of action as there is in favour of union democracy. They also present big practical problems.

In an area generating as much heat as labour law the gradualist approach originally adopted by Mr James Prior has proved the right one. The more representative unions which the new proposals will foster are likely to strengthen both British industry and ultimately the unions themselves.

C v S

When justice steps inside the innermost portals of domestic life it brings with it a veil. It allows only initials to be given to its subjects. It publishes the fewest possible clues to the turmoil that have required a public legal judgement upon so intimate a decision as that of whether to abort a fetus. And rightly so.

Yet, the temptation to look behind the veil is hard to resist. Unless one is an absolute opponent of abortion or an absolute proponent of a woman's right to abortion on demand, one wants to know the circumstances. What was her intention? What was her intention? Were they the same? Was the pregnancy the result of a passionate affair that ended as soon as it began? Was it the result of colder calculation? What is the truth of it all?

We live in a relativist age. We abhor the hard and fast. We want to make moral judgements but we want to make them on the best facts available. If those facts are denied to us, the desire to judge does not stop. The next temptation is to look beyond the veil worn by those in any particular case. We like to speculate, to extrapolate, to hypothesize, to indulge in all the moot fancies which legal restraints keep out of the courts.

For this reason it would be incautious to think that we have heard the last of C v S. The law has moved swiftly and well. Within two days, Mrs Justice Heipron has ruled, the Appeal Court has supported her ruling and the House of

Lords has refused leave to appeal. The abortion will take place in the next few days.

An important general point has been made. A man who has made a woman pregnant has no right to veto a legal abortion. This sounds cruel and stark. That is an unfortunate concomitant of consulting the law. But it is right too.

A man has the right to discourage and dissuade. In a successful relationship those rights may be naturally — and often successfully — exerted. But in a failed relationship (and the one before the courts this week has, by that very fact, surely failed) they may not. And in no cases, not in the longest extra-marital relationship nor in the strongest marriage, is there the superior right of male veto.

But the issue of the "rights of a man" — although the one given the most publicity — was not at the centre of the Appeal Court judgement. This was on the single question of whether or not the fetus was capable of being born alive.

The case for the male plaintiff was that a fetus of 18 to 21 weeks gestation was "capable of being born alive" within the meaning of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929. It was not argued that the fetus would necessarily survive outside the womb, simply that it would be a live birth.

The Appeal Court rejected this. Sir John Donaldson accepted that the fetus's cardiac muscle would be contracting and that the fetus could be said to demonstrate real and discernible signs of life. But he concluded that a fetus of 18

to 21 weeks' gestation would be incapable ever of breathing naturally or with the help of a respirator and for that reason was not "capable of being born alive" under the terms of the Act.

This argument is not going to satisfy everyone. Those who enjoy moot points will say how much more difficult Sir John's decision would have been if the fetus had been a month older. There is the additional question of the unsuccessful medication which the woman took to attempt to end the pregnancy at an earlier date. What effect might this have had on the decision?

The plaintiff's Counsel argued that a mother who was rushed into hospital with an impending miscarriage might find that a fetus removed from her womb by hysterectomy was regarded as born alive for the purposes of registering the birth. It might even be so regarded in relation to maternity benefit. Yet the fetus would certainly not fulfill the test of capability to be born alive as given by Sir John Donaldson.

There will be calls for Parliament to clarify its intention and to iron out perceived inconsistencies between the 1929 Act and the Abortion Act, 1967. With the calls for new legislation may come a further opening up of the whole abortion issue.

In the meantime we hope that the woman will recover well from what must have been a harrowing time. She has become the victim of an ill-judged case.

Fields for scope

From Professor G. H. Peters. Sir, It now appears patently clear that Mr Michael Jopling is in the position of being able to please few of the people any of the time. He does nevertheless deserve some sympathy in his thankless ministerial office.

Fear concerning urban encroachment, in particular, was first propounded in 1942 by the Scott report on land use in rural areas — the onus of proof of the public interest was deemed to lie with those who wished to develop land and remove it from agricultural use. The latter, it was held, should be regarded as having a prior claim unless an appropriate proof of need could be mounted.

This doctrine has pervaded planning legislation and practice in the whole post-war period. It is, however, quite illogical, a manifest need for development land (whatever its agricultural potential) cannot be denied if it is backed by willingness to pay.

The Minister is under pressure from the National Farmers' Union to secure a devaluation of the green pound. This case has some merit: agriculture is under far greater income pressure than is often supposed. Devaluation would raise the sterling price of agricultural products and presumably increase output. This, if the environmental propaganda is to be believed, would devalue land-

scape. Would a Minister who retained old-fashioned planning controls receive universal praise if he simultaneously engineered a devaluation?

Yours faithfully,
G. H. PETERS.
Institute of Agricultural Economics,
Dartington House,
Little Clarendon Street, Oxford.
February 13.

A place in history

From Dr N. E. Saul. Sir, As T. E. Utley has reminded us (feature, February 16), the study of history is justified increasingly in terms of the skills and methods it imparts rather than the body of knowledge it transmits.

This is all very well. But it is not the surest of foundations on which to build a defence of the study and teaching of the subject; for, if it can be shown that those skills may be acquired equally well by the study of some other subject, then the case for history collapses.

If history is to retain its position in school syllabuses, its subject matter must be seen as no less important than its methodology.

Professional historians have been curiously reluctant to admit this. Perhaps they are embarrassed by some of the wilder claims that have been made for their subject in the past.

They would not now commit themselves, for example, to any

belief in its utility as a basis for making predictions about the future. But its study can still be justified on the quite practical grounds that it assists in the understanding of the present and that it illuminates the forces that mould societies.

It deals with the whole process of change. And what can be more important than that in a society so rapidly changing as our own?

History cannot be ignored, side-stepped or suppressed. It is a product of our own innate curiosity. Wanting to know about the past comes naturally to us because it is part of the process by which we come to terms with the present. Thus every generation wants to write its history in accordance with its own priorities and preoccupations.

To admit as much is not to challenge the autonomy of the past. Only to recognise that its legacy is always with us. An appreciation of that legacy enlarges our understanding of ourselves. In so far as it also reminds us of our limitations, it may be said as well to be a stabilising influence on human affairs — and that, surely, is no bad thing.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL SAUL.
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Department of History,
Egham Hill,
Egham, Surrey.

Research, but no development

From Professor R. A. Stradling. Sir, While demonstrating that the UK expenditure on research and development lags far behind that of our competitors in your otherwise excellent article in Spectrum on February 16, you failed to point out the one factor that sets us apart from most of our industrial rivals and makes the comparative figures that you presented even more shameful — i.e., our failure to capitalise on the massive but relatively short-term boost to the economy provided by oil revenues.

Your readers may be interested in a further comparison which illustrates all too well the recent political climate of financial greed and irresponsibility behind the lack of real investment in the technological ideas and skills required by the industries of the future.

The sum of £25 million which, it appears, Guinness paid to its friends, in its takeover of Distillers is some 50 per cent greater than the annual cash distribution made by the Science and Engineering Research Council to its chemistry and mainstream physics committees to support university research in these disciplines.

Our politicians and the City should ponder Mr Merrifield's statement that the nation will not be in business in five or 10 years unless we invest properly in R & D.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. STRADLING.
Two Trees, Hemes Road, Oxford.

From Dr Stuart P. Slater. Sir, Your editorial, "Her unique responsibility" (February 19), rightly calls for the Government to give the market a greater incentive to value research and innovation, and rightly criticises our industrial and financial culture for excessive emphasis on short-term profitability achieved through corporate entrenchment.

While inadequate attention to R & D is clearly an important issue, equally important is the effect the City's short-term orientation has on restricting the overseas growth of many of our young high-tech firms.

Our work on the management problems of fast-growing firms in the high-tech sector — the firms we all hope will be tomorrow's big wealth earners — shows that just to survive, many of these firms have to build international positions in their chosen market sectors. Many are developing their overseas marketing slower than they would otherwise, because their financial backers — who profess to be long-term investors — expect overseas marketing expenditure to show positive benefits within two to three years.

From Mr Stuart P. Slater. Sir, I read with interest your leader on the importance of research and development, on which I totally agree.

Bearing in mind the success of raising money for companies through the Business Expansion Scheme, could there not be a similar scheme for research and development projects? Clearly the research and development expenditure would have to be accepted as in the country's interests by the appropriate Government body.

I believe that high taxpayers would be prepared to subsidize this form of project, if the tax allowances were available for firms invested within certain clearly defined areas of research. The advantage of this approach would be that the Government could channel funds into specific areas. When sufficient funds had been raised the defined areas could be changed, funneling funds into other areas of research.

Yours faithfully,
PHILLIP SOBER.
10 Longwood Drive, SW15.
February 20.

Merton have recently attempted to withhold part of their contribution to the grants committee, an illegal action which the other Conservative boroughs dissociated themselves from.

If Councillor Cowd is genuinely concerned about the plight of London's voluntary sector he will tell his fellow Conservatives to stop their reckless brinkmanship, which will otherwise result, on March 1, in 3,000 redundancy notices being issued to all the employees of the 800 voluntary organisations the London Boroughs Grants Committee is supposed to be funding.

For a start, he could support the Alliance compromise budget of £30 million, proposed as long ago as January 14.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WILLIAMS
(Chairman, London Boroughs Grants Committee).
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.
Municipal Offices,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
February 24.

Grants in disarray

From the Chairman of the London Boroughs Grants Committee. Sir, I read the letter (February 23) from the Leader of Merton Council with some amusement when he says, "What a disgrace it is that the vital work of London's voluntary sector is at risk every year because boroughs argue over how much to spend."

The main reasons the London Boroughs Grants Committee still has no budget for April 1987, to March 1988, is that the 12 Conservative-controlled boroughs have tried to insist on £3 million of cuts. They have been completely intransigent for three months, although Labour and Alliance boroughs have made it very clear that they are prepared to compromise.

One of these 12 Tory boroughs is, of course, Merton. Councillor Cowd is also Merton's representative on the London Boroughs Grants Committee, but has never turned up at its last ten meetings, sending a substitute.

Embryo research

From Mr Patrick Steptoe. Sir, We now have another Bill with the evocative title of the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill. How can there be justification for this title when, at the stage of fertilization of a human egg, there is no pregnancy?

In natural conception only one in three fertilized eggs result in a successful pregnancy. In-vitro fertilization gives, under the best circumstances, no more than one in six successful pregnancies. Why is this so? Do we keep our fertilized eggs in the correct conditions of warmth and nutrition? How do they use their sources of energy?

We can only get answers to these questions if we study some fertilized eggs. It may be that such research would render a particular embryo no longer suitable for replacement, and it would perish.

Succouring children

From the Reverend Philip and Mrs Jane Davies. Sir, Your report (February 16) that the charity, Help the Hospices, has criticized the setting up of further children's hospices as inappropriate for most dying children is to be welcomed. It is, however, likely to be misunderstood unless it is supported by reasons for its inappropriateness, together with some positive suggestions as to how people can respond helpfully to the needs of children who are dying.

Just as the sending of cuddly toys is the immediate response of many people to sick or injured children whose plight is reported in the media, so the idea of setting up a children's hospice is an emotional response that appeals to those who feel it is something specific towards which they can contribute.

Adult hospices are well known and have done tremendous work in the care of the dying and the

support of their families. Almost all of their patients have cancer. Inevitably most people assume that children's hospices would do similar work. But most children who die in this country do not die from cancer and those who do are unlikely to need a hospice (Helen House, the only children's hospice in the country, has had one child with leukaemia in five years).

Children dying of cancer spend a lot of time at the hospital which is treating them and most of them prefer to spend the rest of the time at home. They benefit from charities whose work enables families to care for children at home.

What is also urgently needed is more respite care for many children who may not be dying but who are suffering from a wide variety of other long-term illnesses and handicaps, which put an intolerable strain upon their families. Unfortunately such situations seem to be less "glamorous" in the public's eyes. The long grind is less tear-jerking than the instant tragedy.

False images in schools dispute

From the Headmaster of The Knights Templar School, Baldock. Sir, I have just returned from Lower School morning assembly at which some 480 boys and girls gave a vigorous rendering of "Glorious things of Thee are spoken" and said their prayers with due reverence.

From the notices I learned that two netball matches had been played last night and that there were to be meetings regarding netball, basketball and a sponsored swim for charity at breaktime; that there was to be a meeting of the Christian Union; that technology club was postponed owing to the teacher's indisposition; that evening parents' meetings about exchanges to France and Germany were being arranged; and that nearly all tickets for tomorrow's musical concert involving over 100 pupils had been sold. The stage on which I sat was cluttered with the debris left from rehearsals from *The Crucible* to be performed in March.

This was our first assembly for a few days as the hall has been in use for sixth-form mock examinations. Thirty-four of the upper sixth currently hold offers from a variety of higher education bodies, including Cambridge; three of those students are just completing their Duke of Edinburgh's gold award.

It may come as something of a surprise to readers of these columns to learn that the institution in question is no more than a comprehensive school set in a small market town; a surprise because it bears so little resemblance to the stereotype constantly being pilloried by members of Government.

Not an hour has been lost since September on account of industrial action and to a reassuring extent normality has returned to these precincts. Now the spectre of disruption looms again.

Compromise on the Secretary of State's part over the issue of negotiating rights would avert a calamitous return to the dismembering which has racked our schools for more than two years. Readers will themselves decide whether, on the evidence of my colleagues' performance, the teachers are deserving of Mr Baker's magnanimity or not.

Yours sincerely,
P. CHAPMAN, Headmaster.
The Knights Templar School,
Park Street,
Baldock, Hertfordshire.
February 19.

Limits of 'glasnost'

From Mr Philip Q. Back. Sir, What a grudging and ungenerous response (second leader, February 17) from a newspaper still holding a worldwide reputation for tolerance and liberality of thought.

Millions in the Western world have for over 40 years longed for someone in authority in Moscow to stand up and re-examine in public the fundamental political attitudes of the Soviet Union which have been so prejudicial to East-West understanding and to the diminution of world tensions.

No — I do not accept everything I read and hear at face value.

Yes — I am prepared to go more than half way towards establishing better understanding.

I do not believe that I stand alone.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP Q. BACK.
The White House,
Sisland,
Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr John Ellinger. Sir, Referring to your report of the brutal attack on protesting Moscow Jews (February 14) and to your leading article of the same date in a country where antisemitism is endemic it will take more than glasnost to stop these activities.

One is reminded of the atrocities in Germany when it suited the Nazi authorities to maintain that the "Kachende Volksseele" was responsible for some of the worst brutalities committed against the Jews.

If Mr Gorbachev is really serious about wishing to improve the attitude of the Soviet Union towards dissenters and protesters, nothing short of clear evidence that the State is willing to punish those committing these excesses will convince the rest of the world that there has been any significant change in Moscow's attitude to human rights.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ELLINGER.
45A Evelyn Gardens, SW7.

We cannot regulate the charitable giving of the public, but we need a sustained campaign of education to enable potential donors to direct their giving where it will do most good, rather than be swayed by the most emotionally-charged appeal. It is all too easy for well-meaning (or occasionally glory-seeking) individuals to set up a fund for a project and collect quite large sums of money from generous donors without any real understanding as to the real needs of those they are seeking to help.

The media and advertising agencies could help, too, if they could restrain themselves from endlessly plucking at our heartstrings and use their space and talents to highlight some of the less newsworthy areas of need.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP DAVIES.
JANE DAVIES.
The Vicarage,
13 Churchchurch Crescent,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 25 1862

Thanks to Paxton's Crystal Palace, the Great Exhibition of 1851 has overshadowed the International Exhibition of 1862. Nevertheless, the latter, although not as successful as its predecessor, was a considerable achievement. It was opened on May 1, on the ground now occupied by the Natural History Museum in Kensington, and over 16,000 foreign exhibitors showed their goods there; in 1851 the number was 6,566.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

The rush of goods into the building has not yet commenced. The most remote of our colonies seem to be the first in the field. St. Helena followed close upon the goods from Liberia, and on Saturday the collection from Prince Edward Island was deposited at the French Court, and yesterday that from Newfoundland. These latter, of course, consist entirely of colonial produce, but, among other specimens from Prince Edward Island, is one which may be fairly called a wonderful natural curiosity. It is the largest and longest spar that has ever been seen in this or any other country. That at Kew Gardens, 190 feet high, was thought to be the largest single stick that was ever seen, but this gigantic pole from Prince Edward Island completely dwarfs it, being no less than 240 feet from end to end. Placed straight on end by the side of the Monument it would overtop even that lofty column by 38 feet. Of course, it cannot be put upright as it ought to be in any part of the building itself, and, as leaving it on the ground would simply to lose all its beauty of proportion, a good suggestion has been made to erect it, supported by guy ropes, as a monster flagstaff in the centre of the Horticultural Gardens. It will be a work of no ordinary difficulty to rear this spar on end, but in order that there may be no excuse about its not being seen to the fullest advantage the colonists are themselves sending over a party of riggers to hoist it on whatever site they may get. Certainly the colonies seem all entering into the spirit of the Exhibition with a zeal and enterprise that almost outstrip the manufacturers of the mother country. Canada is sending a very fine collection of goods and produce, while Australia will be represented by a really superb exhibition, and its Government has given 10,000 towards defraying the expenses of sending it over, and setting it out with proper effect. Among other curiosities coming from Australia is a wooden obelisk, dead gilt on the outside. This column is nearly 70 feet high and some 10 feet square at the base. It represents exactly the bulk of gold which Australia has sent to this country since 1851, and which in all amounts to nearly 800 tons. The base of this column will be surrounded by various specimens of gold quartz from the different reefs, nuggets, alluvial gold, washing-crudles, etc. In the department of machinery in motion will be a quartz-crushing machine in full work, and for the supply of which a cargo of gold quartz is now on its way to this country.

There is no concealing the fact that the works are getting behind hand, and this from no fault on the part of the contractors. There was a dreadful rush of business during the last few days preceding the opening of 1851. But the work, though done hurriedly, was at least done, for of the total of 29,000 English packages only 182 were admitted to the building after the 1st of May. It is hoped against hope to expect that the same will be done for this display. The French Commissioners are already very busy in mapping out their splendid Court, which will be one of the gems of the building, though rumour has much exaggerated the sum which it was said to be spent in its decoration. They depend almost entirely on the effect which their goods will produce; the mere decoration of the Court is to be with them a very secondary consideration. They have obtained permission from the Commissioners to enclose their whole Court with partitions reaching from the basement to the first gallery, and from the first gallery to the girders beneath the springing of the nave ribs. This permission was absolutely necessary in order to give them hanging space for their papers and carpets; but the Commissioners at the time they gave this boon, with the utmost impartiality, allowed the English and all foreign Courts to do the same. Sheffield this year must look to itself when it enters the lists against its German rivals. Krupp's steel works at Essen, in Rhenish Prussia, have gradually attained a worldwide celebrity for the almost military discipline which prevails there, and for the extraordinary steel castings it turns out. Only two or three years ago scientific journals contained accounts of the manner in which it was then considered, of making a piece of cast steel weighing 11 tons was performed. But Krupp will send to the Exhibition this year one piece of cast steel weighing no less than 21 tons. Ten years ago the manufacturer who talked of making such a casting in steel would have been thought little short of insane.

Clerical titles

From Sir John Biggs-Davison, M.P. for Epping Forest (Conservative). Sir, An editor of *Crockford's* once deplored the practice, then new, of bishops making crosses again: their signature, I seem to recall that his comment was, "Nough would be more appropriate." I am, Sir, your most obedient servant.
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON.
House of Commons.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 24: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited NEI Parsons at Heaton and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Elles).

Afterward, His Royal Highness visited Dornick Hunter Filters Limited at Birley and officially opened their new building.

This afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh visited HMS Warrior (1860) at Harbourside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cleveland (the Lord Gilsborough).

His Royal Highness later returned to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Annual Nepal Supper of the British-Nepal Society (President, Sir George Bishop) at New Zealand House, Haymarket.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this morning visited Stockport Grammar School (Headmaster, Mr D Bird) where Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward) and the Chairman of the

Today's royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, will attend a dinner to mark the centenary of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs at Guildhall at 7.25.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum to mark the launching of the Society of Friends of the Museum at 11.45.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend the senior students' dinner at Hughes Pary Hall, 19-25 Carrington Gardens, WC1, at 7.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a cocktail party given by the Building Industry Youth Trust at Innholders' Hall at 6.45.

The Duke of Kent, patron, will visit Trinity College of Music, Manville Place, W1, at 9.45.

Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Any Corpus member of Convocation who intends to vote in the election for the Chancellorship on Saturday, March 14, 1987, is invited to a buffet luncheon at 12.30 pm in the college. Numbers limited. Please notify the Bursary (0865 276738) by March 9.

School Governors (Mr A Kersley).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, then visited the ASHA Neighbourhood Project at Stratford Street, Beeston, Leeds and afterwards was entertained at luncheon at the Tinsall Road Community Centre.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (the Lord Ingham) and the Project Leader (Mrs Amina Hassan).

In the afternoon, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, visited a preview of a Sale of Work at Hugh Ripley Hall, Ripon.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Major-General Henry Woods) and the Chairman of the Fund's Ripon Branch (Mrs J Sheppard).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carey Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 24: The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, today attended a luncheon at the Grosvenor Hall, Princes Street, EC2.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Recital at St James's Palace given in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Lady Jean Rankin and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr John Ariotti, 73; Mr Anthony Burgess, 70; Mr Laurence Olivier, 50; Sir Antony Duff, 67; Mr Nicholas Edwards, MP, 53; Mr George Harrison, 44; Mr Harvey McGregor, QC, 61; Sir Alan Marre, 78; Lord Justice Parker, 64; Mr David Putnam, 46; the Right Rev Dr J.A. Ramsbottom, 81; Sir Ian Wallace, 71; Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, 59.

Anniversaries
BIRTHS: Carlo Goldoni, dramatist, Venice, 1707; Auguste Renoir, painter, Limoges, France, 1841; Enrico Caruso, tenor, Naples, 1873; Dame Myra Hess, pianist, London, 1890.

DEATHS: Sir Christopher Wren, London, 1723; Thomas Moore, poet and musician, Deventry, Wiltshire, 1852; Sir John Tenniel, illustrator (*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*), London, 1914; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Brookline, Boston, Massachusetts, 1950; Alexander Archipenko, sculptor, New York, 1964; Mark Rothko, pioneer of Colour Field Painting, New York, 1970.

Royal Horticultural Society

Showing small is beautiful

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society show, which opened yesterday in Westminster, colourfully combines warm tropical blooms and a kaleidoscope of miniature plants.

Edrom Nurseries, of Coddington, Berwickshire, who were awarded a well-deserved gold medal, have a display of blue primulas drifting among snowdrops. Indeed there are many snowdrops at the show. The double-flowered 'Pleens' is being featured by Avon Ballis, of Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and contrasting beautifully with this are bold groups of blue and yellow dwarf irises and miniature cyclamens.

Broadleigh Gardens, of Taunton, Somerset, have drifts of magenta miniature cyclamens through green-flowered hellebores.

Amore Tropical Botanic Garden, of Havant, Hampshire, who were awarded a gold medal, have brought the warmth of the tropics to the show with a collection of vivid bromeliads, like *Guzmania 'Remembrance'*, with its crimson and yellow flower spikes.

In the RHS ornamental plant competition, the Hon Edward and Mrs Anne Boscaawen, of Handcross, Sussex, won class one with an exhibit of *Cornus stolonifera 'Flaviramea'*, the

large-leaved rhododendron 'Little Jessica', *Skimmia japonica* and *Hammamelis mollis* 'Coombe Wood'. The Wellcome Foundation, of Beckenham, Kent, won class two.

In the British Iris Society's competition, S. Llanegor was awarded the Christie Miller trophy for the most points and Jim Hawkins gained the Mini Peckham cup for three pans of *I. veruculata* varieties and *I. danfordiae*.

The committees have made the following awards for plants: the first class certificate to *Alnus cordata*, a tree with green and yellow catkins, shown by the Wellcome Foundation, Beckenham, Kent; and to *Crocus biflorus alexandri*, white and purple, exhibited by the director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

The award of merit to *Prostanthera rigida*, cool-green shrub with violet flowers, shown by Cannington College, of Bridgwater, Somerset; *Chlorophytum elatum 'Variegatum'* and *C. elatum 'Medio Pictum'*, greenhouse plants with green and white striped leaves, exhibited by the director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and *Phalaenopsis Liseana 'Victoire'*, a white, purple-spotted orchid, shown by Vacherot and Leconte, of Boissy St Leger, France.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A.R. Phillips and Miss M. Robertson

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lady Phillips, of Teddington, Middlesex, and the late Sir Raymond Phillips, MC, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Robertson, of Dinas Powis, South Glamorgan.

Mr R.S. Harvey and Miss M.L. Shulkin

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Harvey, of Colindale, North London, and Monica, daughter of Mr Edgar C. Shulkin, of Ruislip, Middlesex, and Mrs June M. Leslau, of Neasden, London.

Mr S.G.B. Miles and Miss A.J. Bremner

The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs T.J.R. Miles, of Wassenberg, Germany, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.K. Bremner, of Dulwich, London.

Mr A.B.T. Montague and Miss Y. Gerstein

The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of the late H.J. Montague and Mrs L.S. Montague, of Wembley Park, Middlesex, and Yoni, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Gerstein, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.D.A. Nicholl and Miss S.J. Watt

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of the Rev J.E.C. and Mrs Nicholl, of Lewes, Sussex, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Watt, of Brackley, Northamptonshire.

Mr M.R. Brown and Miss A.D. Ursell

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the Rev J.D. and Mrs Brown, of Chichester, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Ursell, of Aldwick, Sussex.

Mr N.J. Gale and Miss J.L. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.A.A. Gale, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Julie, only daughter of Lieutenant-Commander P. Cooper, RN, ret'd, of Aberdeen, and Mrs P. Cooper, of Stonegate, Leicester.

Mr A.C.M. Goss and Miss P.J. Fleming

The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Dr and Mrs G. Goss, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr M. J.F. Horsman, and Mrs J.F. Horsman, of London.

Mr M.J. Stone and Miss M.L. Carby

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr K.W. Stone and the late Mrs V. Stone, of Uppminster, Essex, and Michele, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Carby, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr G.M. Swonger and Miss J.A. O'Donoghue

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Swonger, of Dunskeith, Devon, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.D. O'Donoghue, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr L.C. Wall and Miss D.L. Vince

The engagement is announced between London, son of Mr and Mrs R. Wall, of Taplow, Berkshire, and Diane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs B.E. Vince, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

Mr G.A. Rankine and Miss S.E. Horsman

The engagement is announced between Gordon, eldest son of Dr and Mrs G. Rankine, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr M. J.F. Horsman, and Mrs J.F. Horsman, of London.

Mr T. Remme and Miss F. Hamilton-Fairley

The engagement is announced between Tilman, son of Dr and Mrs Remme, of West Berlin, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mrs Hamilton-Fairley, of Kensington, London, and the late Lord Gordon Hamilton-Fairley.

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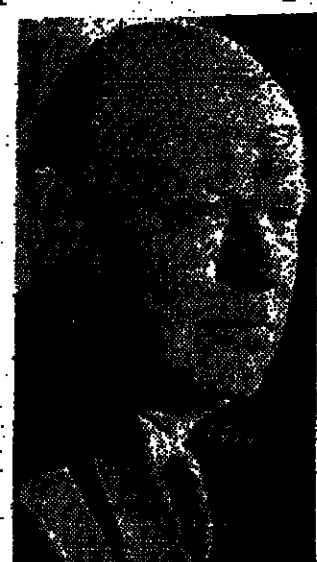
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OBITUARY

SIR HUMPHREY BROWNE

Apostle of enterprise



Sir Humphrey Browne, CBE, who made valiant efforts in the post-war years to impose principles of business efficiency on the nationalized coal industry and, later, on the docks, died on February 20. He was 75.

Edward Humphrey Browne was born in the Warwickshire coalfield at Asley, on April 7, 1911, and educated at Repton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he was a choral scholar. He then went to Birmingham University where he took a joint mining degree.

In the stark days of 1932 he joined Manchester Collieries Ltd as a mining agent, becoming manager of Chautau Colliery four years later and being in charge of 20,000 men by the time he was 33.

From 1943 to 1946 he was director and chief mining engineer of Manchester Collieries, and in 1947 took charge of coal production in the north-western division.

There he was faced with the mammoth task of putting the heart back into the country's most rapidly declining coalfield.

His most ambitious scheme was at Bradford Colliery, Manchester, where an underground tunnel across the centre of the city carried coal directly from coal-face to power station without reaching the surface.

Nationalization translated him, in January 1947, to the role of director-general of production of the National Coal Board. He wasted no

time in announcing that inefficient pits would be closed even if that meant some drop in output.

After a spell as chairman of the West Midlands division, he became deputy chairman of the NCB in 1960, retaining the post until his resignation in 1967.

In that year he took a complete change of direction and turned to engineering. The John Thompson group, looking outside the family circle, offered Browne (a long-time family friend) the chairmanship of the group. He accepted without hesitation.

In the coal industry he had learned the value of direct talking, coupled with sympathetic understanding, when acting as leader of a large group of employees. His capacity for hard work and for

absorbing new ideas was well known. Thompson's, though, wanted him more for his ability to organize.

Browne did not disappoint. His first action was to reshape the group completely. He reorganized twenty subsidiaries into six divisions, brought in new blood and sold off the unprofitable parts.

This strategy - combined with a successful merger - met with immediate success, and in his first annual report Browne was able to announce a pre-tax profits increase of 70 per cent.

For a number of years he was, simultaneously, chairman of the Woodhall Duckham Group and Bestobell Ltd, in which capacities he travelled widely and often.

In 1971 he was appointed chairman of the Docks Board. His tenure there saw profits double, although in 1982, the year in which he retired, there was a £10 million pre-tax loss - a severe blow to the government's privatization plans for the docks.

He had no taste for nationalization. "It really frightens me," he confessed.

Browne was a spirited and socially charming man. He believed in "enterprise", whether public or private, and proudly described himself as a "true-blue Tory". When he found the time he enjoyed shooting.

Barbara Stone, whom he married in 1943, predeceased him. He is survived by their two sons.

MRS EDNA MANLEY

Mrs Edna Manley, who could fairly be described as the national sculptor of Jamaica, died on February 9. She was 86.

From her early twenties, she was always at the centre of events in Jamaica, both as a seminal figure in the development

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THEATRE LONDON

★ **DECADENCE**: Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe. Limited season. Wyndham's Theatre (01-636 3028). Tue: Leicester Square, Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinee Sat 5-6.40pm, £25-£10.50, until April 25.

★ **FASCINATING AIDA**: The witty, sexy, subversive threepiece sparkling and larking about for a four-week season. Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (01-437 4007). Tue: 10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-6.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm, £7.50.

★ **HIGH SOCIETY**: The show of the film. Staked with extra Cole Porter. Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tue: 10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-6.40pm, 9.30-11.40pm, £25-£10.50, until April 25.

★ **LONG RUNNERS**: The Business of Murder. Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3038). ★ **Cats**: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). ★ **42nd Street**: Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-636 8108/9). ★ **Me and My Girl**: Adelphi Theatre (01-336 781/7758 and 01-407 9134). ★ **Les Misérables**: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). ★ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's Theatre (01-636 1443). ★ **No Sex, Please, We're British**: Duchess Theatre (01-436 8243). ★ **Phantom of the Opera**: Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-379 5244). ★ **Run for your Wife**: Criterion Theatre (01-630 3216). ★ **Starlight Express**: Adelphi Theatre (01-336 8665). ★ **Stepping Out**: Duke of York Theatre (01-636 5122). ★ **Time**: Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845). ★ **Two**: 01-636 2429.

OUT OF TOWN

★ **BELFAST**: ★ **King Lear** at the Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street (0232 241919). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.50pm, £3-£8, until Feb 28.

★ **BRISTOL**: ★ **Julius Caesar**: The new company 3 brings together actors, directors and writers to a "differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds" (i.e. races). Roger Rees directs the opening production. New Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388). Mon-Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-10.10pm, matinee Sat 4-6.30pm, £25-£12.50.

★ **LADY DAY**: Dee Dee Bridgewater sings the sad tale of Billie Holiday. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-480 8230). cc 01-379 6555/6433. Tue: Covent Garden, Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm and 8.30-10.40pm, £25-£11.50, until April 4.

★ **LILLIAN**: How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour. Last week. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-589 2288). Tue: Covent Garden, Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £25-£12, until March 1.

★ **SCOUT'S HONOUR**: Left-wing council inquests, fascist music and farcical results ensue. Otter, Lyrice Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2511). Tue: 10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £25-£10, until March 28.

★ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON**: Peter Barrowman uses the poet's own words to tell his story, a limited viewpoint but still effective. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/434 5589). Tue: Piccadilly Circus, Tues-Sat 8-10pm, matinee Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm, £25-£10, extended until March 21.

★ **THIS STORY OF YOURS**: Revival of John Hopkins's powerful exposure of a bad cop's breakdown; starring David Suchet. Hampstead Theatre, N.W.3 (01-722 9301). Tue: Swiss Cottage, Mon-Sat 8-10.40pm, matinee Sat 3-5.40pm, £25-£7, until March 7.

FILMS

★ **Also on national release** ★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **CACTUS** (PG): Blazare and powerful romance from Australia's most adventurous film-maker, Paul Cox, with Isabelle Huppert as the French visitor half-blinded in a car accident (105 min). ★ **Renard** (01-537 6402). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.25, 8.40.

★ **CASTAWAY** (15): Lucy Irvine's tropical island adventure, filmed by Michael Roeg with pretty and provocative pictures, but a narrative drive. With Oliver Reed and newcomer Amanda Donohoe (115 min). ★ **Canal Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). cc 01-373 6990. Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.10.

★ **Canon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **COMING UP ROSES** (PG): Modest, understated Welsh-language film about the closure of a small cinema. Directed by Stephen Barby with a touch of the old Ealing spirit (94 min). ★ **Canal Tottenham Court Road** (01-536 6140). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 5.50, 8.15.

★ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.05, 5.00, 7.10, 9.25.

★ **DOWN BY LAW** (15): Jim Jarmusch's witty, off-beat comedy about three misfits who escape from a New Orleans prison. Immaculate score-stealing by Italian comic Roberto Benigni (106 min). ★ **Canal Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). cc 01-373 6990. Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.10.

★ **ESCALIER C** (15): A cynical misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prize-winning novel by Elvira Murali, directed by Jean-Claude Carrière (101 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **FERRIS BUZZER'S DAY OFF** (15): The thinking teenager's teen movie, with Matthew Broderick as the charmed pupil of a Chicago high school playing hockey with his friends. Directed by John Hughes and directed (103 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **THE FLY** (18): Jeff Goldblum - an experimental scientist undergoing a metamorphosis. Directed by David Cronenberg with his usual sci-fi touches, quirky, quasy shocks (96 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **HANNAH AND HER SISTERS** (15): Woody Allen's assured comedy-drama chronicling the lives and

The Polish composer Andrzej Panufnik's night conducts the world premiere of his Symphony No 9, his largest-scale work so far. It was commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society as part of celebrations to mark the society's 175th anniversary. One of the society's first commissions was for Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and Panufnik acknowledges that his own new 40-minute work is a spiritual debt to that landmark of orchestral literature. "The ideal of hope became the absolute rationale of the work," he says, "not only in homage to Beethoven's Symphony No 9, but because the ninth decade of this century seemed to call for a new expression, a more positive response to the turmoil of our time. Living in the shadow of violence and terrorism, my thoughts of the future had too often been pessimistic, but now I found myself endeavoring to write music of uplifting character, attempting to revive the springs of hope." The concert, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, is at the Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191) at 7.30pm and is being broadcast on Radio 3. To coincide with this event Methuen tomorrow publishes Panufnik's autobiography, *Composing Myself* (£17.50). It is especially interesting on his troubled years in Poland and his dramatic escape to this country in 1954.

★ **MEATLOAF**: A Faustian caricature of a rock star. Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (01-222 8202) 7.30pm, £5.50-£5.50.

★ **RUDOLPH**: Ian Judge's new production of the G & S melodrama is the highlight of New Sadler's Wells Opera's new season. Cast includes Gordon Scott, David Hillman and Marilyn Hill Smith. Sadler's Wells, Rossby Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8516). 7.30-10.15pm, £25.00-£16.50.

★ **FROM THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD**: David Pountney's harrowing production of Jasek's novel is a powerful and moving production of Jasek's novel. Scottish Opera, Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-531 1234). 7.15-9.50pm, £25-£19.

★ **CAMACHO'S WEDDING**: World premier of Mendelssohn's comic opera based on Don Quixote, after recent discovery of the original manuscript in the Bodleian. Oxford University Opera, Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 247133). 8-10.45pm, £24.

★ **LOVES OF HANNAH**, her sisters, various husbands and partners. With Allen, Michael Caine, Mia Farrow - an excellent cast (107 min). ★ **Canal Baker Street** (01-385 9772). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.05, 8.25.

★ **HEARTBURN** (15): Nora Ephron's semi-autobiographical novel about a founding marriage, filmed with sharp surface detail and smart performances (Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson) director, Mike Nichols (110 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE** (16): Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud with Sean Connery (181 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **ROUND MIDNIGHT** (16): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians, with Charles Gullone as a saxophonist in Paris befriended by an idiosyncratic Frenchman (131 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **SOUL MAN** (PG): Fast, furious and occasionally tasteless social comedy, with C Thomas Howell as the white man who blacked up to win a law school scholarship. Directed by Steve Miner (103 min). ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **ALL SCHUBERT**: The Lindsay Quartet play Schubert's Quartettsatz D 703 and Quartet D 80. ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

★ **EUROPE**: Perms and poses from Sweden's leading bubblegum band. ★ **Canal Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-586 8861). Progs 2.00, 5.35, 8.50.

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THE ARTS

Mangled misrule

The convention of launching a new series with a double-length episode brings with it the same jeopardy as that of a new Member making a very long maiden speech in the Commons. New voices are welcome only in so far as they have something new to say — or at least a fresh way of saying it.

The first hour of *Hardwicke House*, Central's seven-part comedy series set in a comprehensive school, left one wishing never to see or hear any of the participants again.

TELEVISION

In the graffiti-scarred school, bottoms were bitten, tempers frayed, classes ran amok and the headmaster was locked in a store cupboard with the canister and the mother of a new boy. At home, eyelids might have stayed open more readily if only all this had not been so deadeningly curricular.

From the first-form dirty joke of the title to the ankle-high shots of stampeding "scholars", the thing embodies a degeneration of the academic misrule of the St Trinian's films. There is even a head girl who wears thonged leather beneath her uniform. This is a noble tradition which needs very careful handling. Above all, the humour cannot be predicated on embarrassment when the characters inhabit a world where such a thing does not exist.

It looks mighty as though the frenzied nuzzling of Roy Kinnear, Roger Sloman and company is meant to compensate for the woeful poverty of the script. As it is, the performances and the treatment cancel each other out. Individual scenes limp on way past their point; what jokes there are get smothered; there is simply not enough happening on camera. It is perfectly all right to have the teachers — secretly bibulous, ideologically obsessed or frankly pedantic — oversignalling their given traits, but it needs a comic-strip construction of zooms and big close-ups and flashy cutting to make it work. Must try harder.

Also from Central, *Room* went through the motions of a story about local-council corruption, where Robert Lang turned out to work in an office decorated with *Health & Efficiency* stills. The episode was easy-paced to the point of stodginess, but at least it had an intelligible structure.

Martin Cropper

ROCK

Europe
Hammersmith
Odeon

Not many groups in Europe's position would have started with the one song that their customers were most eager to hear them play, but there was no sense of anticlimax in the performance that followed the dying chords of "The Final Countdown". That they managed to pull off a show of such dizzying finesse was due in no small part to the five years and three albums of professional experience (since they won a talent contest in their native Sweden) that underpinned their sudden arrival at the end of 1986 in the British and American charts.

But the success at Hammersmith was more to do with a triumph of attitude over style. In truth, there was not much to commend in their music apart from the slick, tuneful arrangements and its sheer accessibility to anyone disposed to listen to that kind of thing, this was bubble-gum metal with roots that extended no deeper than the muddy topsoil deposits of latter-day heavy rock bands like Rainbow, Whitesnake and, at a push, Deep Purple.

What they did bring was a dynamic youthful intensity to the art of performing such music that contradicted many of the staid contrivances with which it has often got bogged down. The singer, Joey Tempest, resplendent in black leather with a bombshell of blond curls cascading round his girlish features, wasted no time with bogus cheerleading, or berating the audience with foul-mouthed epithets, but simply sang his heart out with a supremely disciplined vigour. Kee Marcello's virtuoso guitar solos were neat, witty affairs, including a stab at "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" during one instrumental, and Ian Haugland's spirited drum solo drew shrieks of approval from the justly excited audience.

There were huge fireworks, a five-part cappella harmony version of "Dreamer" and a momentary reprise of "The Final Countdown" to complete an evening of genuine, dazzling rah-rah that exposed a more cheerful, unthreatening side to the typically dour, posturing business of high-volume hard rock.

David Sinclair

The current row over the London Philharmonic Orchestra's proposal of an administrative merger with the Philharmonia (which, as all parties agree, would inevitably lead to the two orchestras becoming one) must have baffled most spectators outside the industry, and not a few in it. What did the LPO hope to gain from launching such an aggressive campaign, when it was obvious that the Philharmonia players (who effectively own their orchestra) would bitterly resist and immediately reject the idea?

The personal animosity between the respective managing directors, the LPO's John Willan and the Philharmonia's Christopher Bishop (who come from identical Oxford and EMI backgrounds), and the traditional rivalry between London's four self-governing orchestras, obviously helped fuel the dispute. But this "orchestral take-over battle", though it has provided entertaining newspaper headlines, is likely to be merely an incidental skirmish in a drawn-out war of attrition, for a prize of immense importance.

That prize is to be the orchestra which the South Bank Board invites to be "resident" at the Royal Festival Hall in the early 1990s. For the winners, it guarantees security (the players would be on contract), job satisfaction (they would be the focus of the South Bank's new spirit of adventure) and the chance that "venue identification" offers to build an orchestral organization as brilliant

A fight for the family home

as those in Berlin, Vienna or Amsterdam. For the losers, it would probably mean reduced funding, and no home.

Of course, the main objection to this scenario is that no one at the South Bank has yet publicly admitted that the Festival Hall requires a resident symphony orchestra. But orchestral managers are paid to read the signs. The new concern on the South Bank for programming concerts, wherever possible, in thematic series or festivals, and for trying in musical activities with exhibitions and theatre, is admirable — but it is already proving to be fraught with frustrations for the planners. Co-ordinating the programmes of four independent orchestras, each of them prey to the whims and last-minute repertoire substitutions of conductors and soloists, is just about the worst way to establish a coherent pattern of music-making.

Foreign orchestras can be brought in to plug gaps (the Brahms/Schoenberg season planned for 1988-89, for instance, includes appearances by the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics and the Orchestre de Paris), but at a cost. It is far easier to have one top-class British orchestra available as directed.

This would also chime with Arts Council thinking about London's orchestras. Since the early 1960s, when the Philharmonia and the

Ace of trumps or joker in the pack? — the future of Simon Rattle (right) could prove crucial to the London Philharmonic 'take-over bid' for the Philharmonia: Richard Morrison reports on the real issues at stake as one orchestra seeks to sap the confidence of a distinguished rival



Royal Philharmonic Orchestra both lost their private patronage, the Arts Council has supported the four independent orchestras at a level of subsidy which allows them to survive but not to flourish.

In the years since there have been countless reports about how to reduce the number of orchestras, and numerous projected schemes of greater or lesser loquacity. But the very financial crises undergone by all the London orchestras have instilled in the players a dogged determination to survive. That

collective will has so far proved far stronger than the bureaucrats' desire for reform.

Now, however, the LPO's strategy becomes clearer. In the race to be the South Bank's orchestra, there are really only two contestants: the LPO and the Philharmonia. The London Symphony Orchestra, after a perilous beginning, has established a stable and artistically fruitful relationship with the Barbican. Indeed, that relationship offers an example of what could be achieved at the Festival Hall (significantly, the

LSO's future plans have won the greatest increase in subsidy from the Arts Council this year). The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra has carved a niche for itself as the free-wheeling buccaneer of the orchestral world: Geneva one night, Croydon the next, and the odd recording session squeezed in between. Their rank-and-file, whose average earnings (reputedly over £20,000) are the highest in Britain, would probably not be overjoyed to be tied to the Festival Hall for several months each year.

So it becomes evident that, if the LPO management succeeded in merging the LPO and Philharmonia, the new orchestra would automatically win the South Bank prize.

But, even if it does not succeed, the LPO is establishing a psychological advantage over its chief rival. In the musical world's eyes, however unfairly, it is seen as the orchestra that is coming up with the imaginative ideas, while the Philharmonia looks like a reactionary defender of outworn practices.

Willan's masterstroke, of having the Electoral Reform Society ballot both orchestras' players, will reinforce this impression: the LPO members will appear to welcome further discussion; the Philharmonia members will boycott the

ballot. There may well also be a crucial knock-on effect on sponsorship: the managing director of a huge Japanese car firm might not be able to judge how well an orchestra is playing, but he understands the innuendos of a take-over battle. The Philharmonia needs to strike back.

More important, however, may be the effect on the attitudes of the conductors. Slowly but surely the LPO appears to be drawing many of the biggest names on the podium (or at least, those who are prepared to halve their fees for the honour of working in London) into its stable. Its future plans flaunt the names of Tennstedt, Solti, Haitink, Mehta (a big catch) and erstwhile "Philharmonia regulars" like Muri and Andrew Davis. Most significantly of all, Simon Rattle figures strongly. Rattle is the one British conductor who seems able to draw large crowds to hear "difficult" repertoire. If he decides not to renew his Birmingham contract, which is the subject of a financial hassle at the moment, he is likely to be everyone's first choice as music director of any South Bank resident orchestra.

Hitherto he has done most of his London conducting with the Philharmonia. But if the LPO is building on its Glyndebourne association with him, working towards a tacit "exclusivity" in London, that could be the end of the war. This, rather than any peripheral worries over mergers, should be rousing the fighting instincts of the Philharmonia Orchestra at present.



Heartbreak House, in the Soviet avant-garde style (left); and a rare screen appearance together for Jean-Louis Barrault and Madeleine Renaud in *Hélène*



Competitive hands across the curtain

The Berlin International Film Festival was established in 1951 as a Cold War provocation: for many years no film from the socialist world was admitted. Thirty-six years later it is no less conscious of its role in the politics of *rapprochement*. "One of the most important aspects of this year's festival," says its director, Moritz de Hadeln, "is the meeting of the American and Soviet cinemas. And this is really a meeting, not a confrontation."

The large Soviet presence is predictable, given the current mood of cultural emancipation. There is an American breakthrough, too: for the first time distributors have risked major commercial productions like Oliver Stone's *Platoon* in competition; though the opening film, Martin Scorsese's *The Color of Money* (due to open in London very soon) was shown *hors concours*.

Both countries in fact had a somewhat shaky start with their first competition entries. The Soviet film *Heartbreak*

House is a very fine and self-consciously avant-garde adaptation of themes from Shaw's play. While the First World War rages outside, Captain Shotover and his companions, shut up in a bizarre, ark-like house, abandon themselves to egocentric pleasures, fantasies and emotions.

The director Alexander Sokurov has been until now almost unique in the USSR as an experimental film-maker, and not until June last year was he ever permitted to complete any of the films he had attempted since his graduation in 1981. However sympathetic one must feel to such enterprise and his apocalyptic message, it is arduous to hope that the film-makers' new freedom will not be too much channelled into this kind of obscure and narcissistic undertaking. Sokurov juxtaposes his dramatic extravaganzas with anamorphically distorted actuality of the First World War and "The Three Little Pigs" and "Sparky's Magic Piano" on the soundtrack.

CINEMA
David Robinson finds less hostile relations at the Berlin Festival

The producer Aaron Spelling, having made a killing with *Dynasty* and its soap opera successors, evidently decided to go straight and do his bit by culture when he took Marsha Norman's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Night, Mother*, along with its director Tom Moore, from Broadway to Hollywood. The play describes the shifting, revelatory dialogue between a mother and her daughter, who is on the point of suicide. Robert Altman has demonstrated how intelligently plays can be adapted to chamber films. This picture shows only how a killing boring stage dialogue can be — even with players as compelling as Sissy Spacek

and Anne Bancroft — when that intelligence and film sense are absent.

What comfort, after this, to turn to an old-fashioned Claude Chabrol mystery story. Chabrol has now settled into being the master of the movie equivalent of the high-class pulp-fiction thriller. Masks stars Philippe Noiret as the eccentric, genial host of a geriatrics' television talent-show who also has a part-time business, doing away with young heiresses. Untypically for Chabrol, it drags in parts; but compensates with bizarre little jokes (like the television show itself) and monstrous characters.

The major pleasure of Berlin is always its retrospectives. They are also something of a problem in that the old films are generally a great deal better than any of the new material on show. It is highly unlikely, for instance, that the competition can produce a film as totally accomplished as Rouben Mamoulian's *Love Me Tonight*, as witty and as

supremely musical after 55 years. Certainly stars do not come any more like Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald. Here if anywhere is a film that could and should be revived commercially forthwith.

The great Armenian-born, Georgian-raised Hollywood director will not attend his personal retrospective: in his late eighties, his dedication to a vast family of cats (there is always some feline reference in his films) does not permit him time to leave Los Angeles.

A companion retrospective of Jean-Louis Barrault and Madeleine Renaud includes films like *Les Enfants du paradis* and *Hélène*. One of the rare occasions on which the great stage couple appeared on screen together. The outstanding discovery has been a film of 1922, *Vent debout*, starring the young Renaud. The film is silly, but at this tender age Renaud outclasses everyone in sight. This funny, bird-like girl does most of her acting with her great, intelligent, mesmeric eyes.

Comedy of musicians and their mannerisms

CONCERTS
Endymion/
Whitfield/Asia
Purcell Room

Staged performances of Ligeti's *Aventures and Nouvelles Aventures* had been promised for Monday night, but in fact these pieces need no more dramatization than they get from being performed by people in concert dress on a bare platform. They are plays, or rather two acts of a single play, in which three singers, seven instrumentalists and a conductor are the characters as well as the performers.

The comedy is one for musicians who are left with only the tics and mannerisms of their art, but who, like Winnie in Beckett's contemporary *Happy Days*, have an inexhaustible supply of ways to keep going despite their condition of deprivation.

This performance, conducted by John Whitfield, profited from the intimacy of the Purcell Room in getting the

at the end of *Aventures*, where every weird sound and every long pause was made to tell.

The first half of the programme, in the Endymion Ensemble's excellent post-Ravel series, had worked up to a gripping, grappling account of the central composer's Sonata for violin and cello. Krystia Osostowicz and Jane Salmon showed how the piece can be as once too much and too little, sounding as overloaded as two solo sonatas heard together and yet also as bare as a quartet with the middle parts missing. There was great energy here, and variety of tone-colour.

By contrast, Helen Keen showed a notable calm and suavity in her performances of Messiaen's *Le Merle noir* and Debussy's *Syrinx*. There was also a sprightly, well drilled and well judged performance of George Benjamin's Octet under the American conductor Daniel Asa. Benjamin has written stronger pieces since this, but it still offers ideas and pleasures, over and above the delight of hearing an ensemble tuning up to a celesta.

Paul Griffiths
LPO/
Lopez-Cobos
Festival Hall

There can be no such thing as a large which is literally and indisputably too slow. To monitor a metronome-mark, or clock up the minutes taken by the slow movement of Beet-

hoven's Third Piano Concerto, tells us precious little in the end about the work or its performance. What matters is the combination of factors which make it seem to be moving at the wrong pace, and on Monday night there were quite a few.

Peter Donohoe's fingers, creating wave upon wave of marvellously fluid, dissolving phrasing, justified every second of the time they took. The problem was partly one of context: too much tense time-keeping in the obedient and angular first movement. It was also one of accompaniment.

Despite clear enough direction from Jesús López-Cobos, the London Philharmonic found itself curiously ill at ease. They seemed unsure of their place in the scheme of things: an edgy woodwind entry would be compensated for by over-gushing string phrasing, and quite the wrong voicing issued forth from the accompanying bassoon and flute at the movement's centre. It was difficult to know quite what was wrong: a conflict of lack of relative interest? What ever cloud the orchestra temporarily found themselves, it seemed to lift for Beethoven's Choral Fantasia. Encouraged by the obvious delight taken by Donohoe in accompanying even the most short-breathed orchestral solo, the players took fresh heart. And the London Philharmonic Choir, with its distinctively lithe sopranos and tenors, pointed each word and phrase as if it were the greatest music of the evening.

For their brief 10 minutes or so of glory, they had, after all, to sit through an awful lot of Beethoven. For this concert both began and ended with an overture: a heavy-handed *Trumpet-calls* sounding from the wings, *Leonore III* as a rousing send-off.

Hilary Finch
Pierre-Yves
Artaud
Royal College of
Music

You may not have been aware of it, but all day Monday, within the hallowed confines of the Royal College of Music, the Electro-Acoustic Music Society of Great Britain (otherwise, perplexingly, EMAS) was conferring upon the subject of the Electric Flute. The apt climax to this arcane event was a recital of mostly French music given by Pierre-Yves Artaud, whose resourcefulness with what sometimes seems an instrument limited in expressive powers is peerless, with or without electronic paraphernalia.

If it had not lasted quite so long, Paul Méfano's *N* (1983) for flutes, ring modulator, delay system and pre-recorded tape might have impressed more than it did. N, incidentally, stands for narcissism (why be coy?), and Méfano, accordingly, conjures up some appropriate, some-

times savage, often beautiful sounds. His explanation of the flute's relationship with the tape and the delay system seemed plausible enough — he wrote about past, present and future — but in the context of this blurred dreamscape it was in reality an irrelevance.

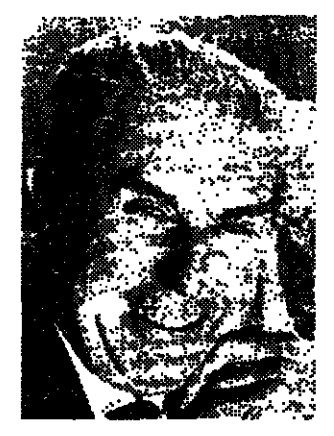
Artaud also gave the first performance of the flute version of Jonathan Harvey's *ricercare una melodia*, intricately composed for trumpet and tape delay. Clearly in two sections, the work begins with a vigorous five-part canon and then, when the melody has "found itself", the counterpoint is progressively slowed down, consequently deepening in pitch. Alas, here we had one tape delay too many, though it is impossible to tell how disastrous the effect of the jamming switch really was.

Beside these two ambitious pieces were somewhat slighter things, among them Méfano's joyously percussive, toccata-like *Traits suspendus*, for amplified contrabass flute (I jest not), and James Dillon's catchy *Diffraction* (1985) for solo piccolo, which exploited something he called an "interference spectrum". Room was also found for Jean-Claude Risset's *Passages* (1982), which tamely pitted flute and piccolo against some pretty electronic sounds, and for Philippe Manour's *Petit Aleph*, whose colour, achieved using thoroughly conventional techniques, were the more effective for the work's brevity.

Stephen Pettitt

From gratitude and curiosity

Caroline Moorehead meets the eminent Israeli diplomat and academic author Dan Vittorio Segre, whose *Memoirs of a Fortunate Jew*, all of 20 years in the making, has just been published



Segre: "What is the price of good fortune? — that's why I wrote the book, to ask others"

It has taken Dan Vittorio Segre, distinguished Israeli diplomat, academic and writer of scholarly volumes on the Middle East, 20 years to produce the one book really close to his dreams. Not that much of that time was actually spent writing it, but he was constantly thinking and constantly getting stuck. The result, when it finally emerged as *Memoirs of a Fortunate Jew*, has been a staggering success in its native Italy — three printings, one fast upon the last, excellent reviews, long extracts in several papers and many hundreds of letters. The omen is that his literary triumph is about to be repeated with the English-language version, now published simultaneously in Britain and the United States. The *Washington Post* has already devoted a laudatory two-page spread to it.

Segre himself, a thick-set but dapper figure with grey hair cut like a helmet, chested at the sides, neat and heavy on top, giving him a military air, is completely baffled by its success. *Memoirs of a Fortunate Jew* is the story of his boyhood in Piedmont as the only son in a "Jewish Fascist family" with a father ruined financially in the crash of 1929 but remaining for many years a keen supporter of Mussolini, and of his own escape to Palestine in 1939 after muddling years of growing Italian anti-Semitism. It has a wry, at times almost detached, tone.

"What I find most extraordinary are the letters", Segre speaks perfect, barely accented English. "They come from Jews and non-Jews, from people who find the book funny and those who find it sad. There is no pattern, why? Perhaps because I look at history, history with a capital 'H', through the peep-hole of a very small story. Many others lived through the same times. They recognize the experiences."

If the degree of his success surprises him, the reasons for writing the book in the first place are by contrast perfectly clear. He needed to write *Memoirs of a Fortunate Jew*, out of gratitude and curiosity and the desire to explain. "I have been tormented — perhaps that's too strong a word — by the thought that there are people who have lived through hell and survived to tell their stories. This type of experience is like the mystic: one should not judge it. But there are others, many others, like myself, for whom the years of hell were in fact years of joy, and pleasure, of what I call 'fox-hunting'. What was suffering, for me? The fact is, I was drinking beer in the British army while fellow Jews were burning at the stake."

"What is the price of good fortune? That is really the question. That's why I wrote the book, to ask others: what is the price of the good fortune that we take for granted? I thought that I would tell, as simply as I could, how, behind

the medals, behind the mask and the honours, there is also uncertainty, fear, solitude and a continuous choice between good and bad, between the right and the more right. That's the solid stuff of existence by which we judge ourselves."

It was Segre's intention, as he wrote, to carry his story, the narrative, stalled. "It just stopped. The book closed. I think now that was because the 'I' in that book is dead, in some sense I was able to manipulate it, put it in focus." The "I" that came after, the one that he has trouble pinning down now since many of its concerns live on today, returned for a brief spell after the war ended to a successful family business in northern Italy. By the late Forties Segre was back fighting in Palestine and later training paratroopers for the new Israeli army. Then followed a pleasurable career as a diplomat, specializing in West Africa, and when an ambassadorship to one of the few major postings looked unlikely, a switch to the academic life, which has brought a fellowship at Oxford, a professorship at MIT and for some years now the chair of Zionism and Jewish Political Thought at Haifa University.

Home, since 1958, has been Jerusalem, with his wife, a convert to the Jewish faith after appalling experiences in the Piedmont resistance, and two sons. To write as many books, Segre has usually had to travel abroad. "Life in Israel is too intensive. You live by news bulletins." Has he been drawn by politics? "Only once, and that was disastrous. I joined the Ben Gurion secessionist party in 1965 and that was a total electoral failure. Never again."

Retirement comes this year or next, and with it a new kind of life, split between Jerusalem and his old village house in north Italy, which he explains, laughing, is busy acquiring a much-needed new roof in the wake of his book's success. Will he return to his autobiographical tale? "I want to. I keep trying various forms. On the one hand, any man my age, with my career, has a mass of interesting stories. On the other, there is the spectacle of an ugly man, sitting down to write his *memoirs*, in order not to forget himself, when others have long forgotten him. I find all those wonderful cocktail stories have no thickness."

● *Memoirs of a Fortunate Jew* is published by Peter Halban at £12.95.

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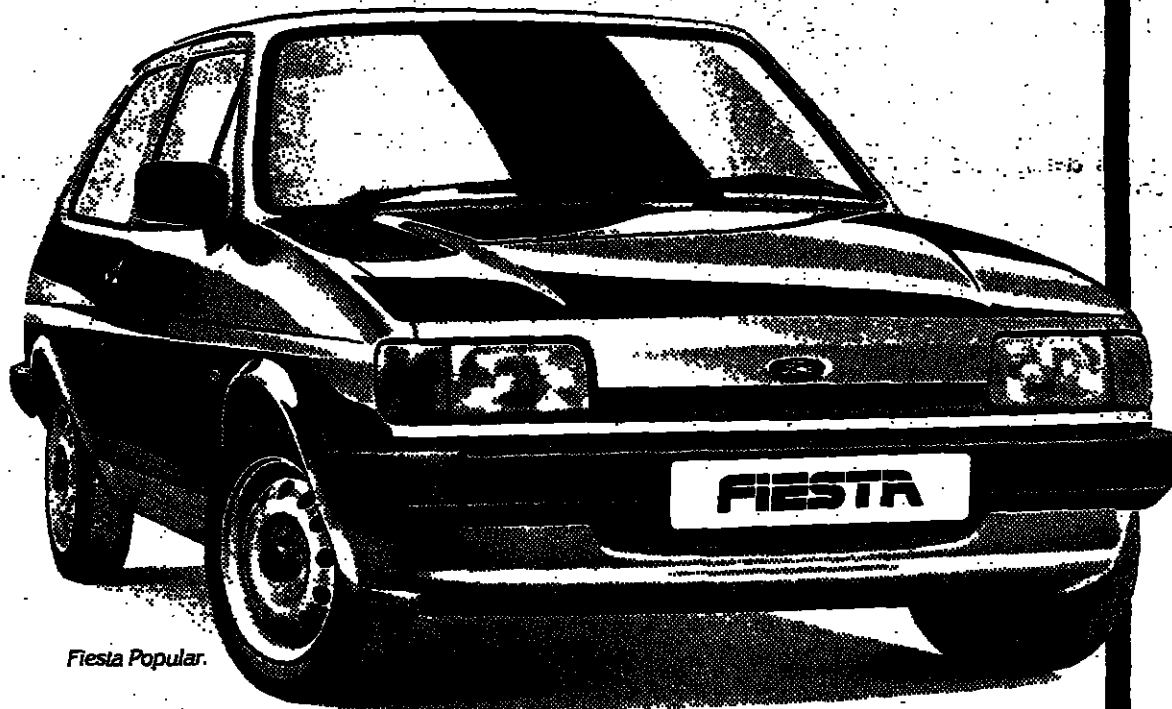
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state funds
for Rover

The chairman of the Rover group, Mr Graham Day, will not seek further government funds to develop new cars. Speaking at the Institute of Directors annual convention at the Royal Albert Hall in London yesterday, Mr Day said the group could find sufficient income from its own resources to finance new developments. He said: "But it is not just a matter of a surplus of income over expenditure. We should not produce cars as a matter of self-indulgence, they have to be tailored to the market."

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USM listing

John D Wood & Company, the estate agent, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a value of £11.1 million. The company has eight offices in London, including Mayfair and Chelsea, and regularly sells houses in the £1 million bracket. Pretax profits in the current year are expected to be not less than £1.1 million compared with £756,000. Shares are being placed at 144p.

Quote sought

RCO Holdings is seeking a listing through a placing of 1,650,000 shares, 16.2 per cent of its issued capital, at 95p each. Sponsors to the placing are Kleinworth Greaves and related services.

German tax

West German tax rates are to be cut in a compromise agreement by parties in the coalition government. Top rate of income tax falls from 56 to 53 per cent and corporate tax from 56 per cent to 50 per cent.

C&C ahead

Property group Capital & Counties raised pretax profits from £9.1 million to £14.1 million last year and lifted the dividend payout by 17 per cent to 7p a share.

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Profits rise

Alfred McAlpine is paying a final dividend of 10.5p for the year to October 31, making a total of 14.5p against 12.5p previously. Pretax profit was £26.14 million, up from £23.05 million.

Bond cleared

The Western Australian Corporate Affairs Department has given Bond Corporation a clean bill of health after investigations into complaints surrounding the company's acquisition of Burmah Australia Exploration in 1978 and the purchase of Bond Oil (formerly Australian Occidental) in 1984.

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3-month eligible bills 10 1/4-10 1/2%
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Pretax record for clearing bank
Billion profit
for NatWest

by Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank's largest clearing bank, yesterday announced pretax profits for 1986 of £1.011 billion and became the first bank in Britain and only the second bank in the world, to break through the £1 billion level.

Citicorp, the US company, is the only other banking group to have made profits equivalent to £1 billion. Lord Boardman, National Westminster's chairman, said the result reflected "the excellent growth of our business, as well as demonstrating our very considerable contribution to the British economy."

"These profits have been earned against very tough competition in financial services both in the British domestic market and internationally."

The group's profits rose by 26 per cent from £804 million in 1985 with a strong performance from domestic banking operations for the second year in succession.

Lord Boardman said that on its international business the bank had little to worry about from the current debt negotiations with Brazil since its exposure to that country was

relatively small. But he gave a warning that if other South American nations followed Brazil's example and suspended interest payments, international banks would face serious problems.

National Westminster Investment Bank, the investment banking and securities arm, recorded a loss of £27 million, compared with a £10 million profit in 1985, because of heavy costs related to Big Bang.

NatWest Group announced a total dividend of 20.50p, up 14.6 per cent from 17.88p the year before.

Profits from banking operations in Britain rose by 37 per cent to £720 million, helped by a fall in base rates and wider margins on lending business. The bank said that its share of the retail deposit market rose by one percentage point to 22 per cent, despite strong competition.

It added a net total of 400,000 new accounts during the year after suffering a drop in new accounts in 1985.

Mr Philip Wilkinson, group chief executive, said that while deposits in the lower interest 7-day account had fallen, the bank's Special Reserve Ac-

count Balances had risen "spectacularly" by 64 per cent to just under £3 billion.

"These are all clear signs that our strategy of segmenting the business is producing results - and we are continuing to drive ahead," he said. The rise in retail deposits meant that the group's reliance on wholesale funds had fallen, reducing the bank's funding costs, Mr Wilkinson added.

Mortgage lending also rose sharply from a total home loans portfolio of £3.3 billion in 1985 to £4 billion in 1986, although profits from this activity increased by only £2 million to £45 million.

International banking profits rose by 23 per cent to £233 million. "This is a very good result in a period when international banks faced strong competition and bearing in mind the substantial level of provisions," Lord Boardman said.

Provisions against bad debts increased to £373 million, compared with £338 million in 1985, with domestic provisions up £40 million more than in the previous year, to £164 million.

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Exchange
maintains
Cambrian
suspension

By Lawrence Lever

The Stock Exchange has refused a request from Cambrian & General Securities to lift the suspension of its share price. Shares in Cambrian, which was formerly managed by Mr Ivan Bosky, were delisted shortly after news of Mr Bosky's insider dealing activities emerged last November.

Cambrian favours a listing to preclude grey market-type dealing in the shares of the investment trust - and because this would improve the chances of an offer being made for its investment portfolio.

At the moment S G Warburg, its merchant bank adviser, is fielding a trickle of casual enquiries from potential purchasers which have come to nothing.

A spokesman for the Exchange refused to comment yesterday. However, the Exchange is understood to insist upon a continued suspension because of the potential for new and damaging revelations about the company.

In the meantime contingent liabilities arising out of three lawsuits naming Cambrian as defendant have caused the company's auditors to qualify its accounts for the year to last September.

Cambrian has written off the entire £20 million (£13.07 million) investment it made in a partnership run by Mr Bosky.

Guinness invested \$100 million dollars (£65.36 million) in the same partnership, making it the largest equity investor.

Mr David Hobson, the Cambrian chairman, explained the decision to write off the investment in a letter to shareholders which accompanies the accounts.

He said that Cambrian has been told that the net asset value of the partnership "has diminished significantly" and that the amount and timing of the realization of the investment could not be predicted due to the uncertainties caused by the Bosky affair.

Westland 'will not
ask to be rescued'

By Ray Heath

The Westland Group yesterday ruled out a request for a government rescue. But Sir John Cuckney, the chairman, repeated that without some favourable treatment over orders from the Ministry of Defence, the company's helicopter division would be facing problems.

Although the company's bleak outlook next year could threaten thousands of jobs in the helicopter division, Sir John said there was no chance of him taking a begging bowl to Downing Street.

"This is a private-sector problem, and will be resolved in a private-sector manner," he said. This could mean further lay-offs at Westland helicopter factories, or even a joint venture with another company.

He denied the company was once again facing the situation which presented Mrs Thatcher with some of her most

embarrassing political moments, and led to the resignation of Mr Michael Heseltine as Minister of Defence last year. It ended with a capital reconstruction which left the American United Technologies Corporation and the Italian Fiat group holding 14.21 per cent of Westland's ordinary shares between them.

Westland wants to see a favourable phasing of defence orders which would keep the helicopter division working until production starts on the EH101 machine, being developed jointly with the Italian Agusta group.

Westland is now awaiting a Ministry of Defence report on Britain's helicopter needs which, it believes, will support increased orders.

In Parliament yesterday, Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said no decision had been reached yet.

Pound's rise continues

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose to its highest level since last September yesterday, continuing to benefit from the Paris meeting of the leading six industrial countries.

It ran into some profit-taking in late trading, dipping with a slightly weaker dollar, but dealers said that sterling was strong enough to withstand a small cut in base rates.

Money market rates eased by about 1/8 of a point, returning to the levels of Friday, when the Bank of England signalled that it did not wish to see base rates reduced too quickly.

Sterling followed up its

strong rise on Monday with more gains yesterday morning. The sterling index rose from 69.7 to 70.0 by noon, its best since mid-September. It closed with a net gain of 0.2 of a point at 69.9.

The dollar, after trading at DM1.8450 earlier in the day, closed at DM1.8335 - just a third of a pence up on Monday's close. The dollar's failure to rally on the Paris agreement is regarded as a sign of underlying weakness.

The pound ended 40 points down on the day against the dollar at \$1.5380 and only fractionally higher against the mark at DM2.8234.

British interest in French TV bidding
English accent for TF1

From Diane Geddes, Paris

Two French groups, both with British interests, have put in bids for the control and purchase of 50 per cent of TF1, the first French public television channel, to be privatised.

The deadline for applications was Monday midnight. Bouygues, the construction company and one of the French contractors involved in the Channel tunnel, has formed a consortium for the takeover of TF1 involving various financial, entrepreneurial and press groups, including Mr Robert Maxwell, owner of Pergamon Press and Mirror Group Newspapers.

Under the proposals submitted to the newly-created National Commission for Communication and Liberty (CNCL), which is due to make the final choice, Bouygues would have a 25 per cent stake, Maxwell 10 per cent, with other interests, all French, taking the rest of the shares on offer to the operating companies.

Of the remaining shares, 40 per cent will be put on sale to the public, probably towards mid-summer, and 10 per cent will be reserved for TF1's own employees.

The other main applicant is a consortium set up by Hachette, the French press

and publishing group, in which Hachette would have a 25 per cent stake; three leading French banks 12 per cent; various foreign media groups, including the British Television South and the American MCA, 10 per cent; and two French press groups, including Le Monde, the remaining 3 per cent.

The FFfr3 billion (£320 million) price tag put on the 50 per cent of the shares being offered to the operating com-

panies is considered too high in view of the short concession for running the channel - 10 years with no guarantee of renewal.

Independent accountants have estimated the minimum value of the company at around FFfr4.5 billion.

There had been reports in the French press that Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News Corporation, had applied for 8 per cent of the shares in the Hachette consortium, but that he had been forced to withdraw at the last minute after his application had been opposed by the French Government.

However, another member of the Hachette consortium



Elliott: agreed bid for Canada's third-largest brewery

Elliott out to
swallow Carling

By Michael Tate

Elders IXL, the fast-expanding Australian brewing group, has switched its takeover attention to North America with a Can\$400 million (£195 million) offer for Carling O'Keefe, Canada's third-largest brewer.

It has already won agreement from Rothmans International, the British cigarette group, which owns 50.1 per cent of Carling O'Keefe. The cash offer values each Carling share at Can\$18, compared with a recent market price of below Can\$16.

Last year Elders, best known for its Fosters lager, paid Hanson Trust £1.4 billion for the Courage brewing business after an abortive attempt to win control of Allied-Lyons. More recently the company has been tipped as a likely bidder for Guinness.

Mr John Elliott, chairman of Elders, also announced the "amicable" departure of Mr Michael Cottrell, who is leaving Courage to run First

Leisure. He is succeeded by Mr Peter Bartlett.

Speaking in London yesterday, Mr Elliott refused to comment on the Guinness speculation, and was not prepared to confirm his company had a share stake in the troubled Irish brewer.

He said he saw Carling as "an opportunity to serve the whole of the American continent and Asia, while Courage serves Europe."

Carling now has just under 25 per cent of the Canadian market, but is operating at only about 60 per cent of capacity. Profits have slumped in the past two years, and various non-brewing activities have been sold. Only last Friday, the company finalized the sale of its oil interests.

Last summer, it sold its Carling and Carling Black Label brand names to Bass for £8.5 million.

"We believe we can make Carling O'Keefe pay," Mr Elliott said.

Murdoch
buys into
TV group

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation will acquire 15 per cent of a company being set up to hold the television interests of Australia's emerging national media group, Northern Star Holdings.

The interests will include the Channel 10 stations in Sydney and Melbourne which News Corporation recently sold to Westfield Capital Corporation, Northern Star's parent company, plus Northern Star's two regional stations in New South Wales, WCC said yesterday.

Northern Star will own 75 per cent of the new company. News Corporation has agreed the television company will have a close association with News Corporation's Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation in respect of its products available for use in Australia.

Lord Delfont
set for leisure

Lord Delfont, the one-time Charleston dancer and master showman, is about to hand over the reins at First Leisure, the entertainment group. His successor is Mr Michael Cottrell, 48, managing director of Courage, who becomes chairman designate in April.

Mr Cottrell's first task could be to prime First Leisure for a major takeover, a move mooted ever since Lord Delfont brought it to the stock market in 1984.

Reprimand
for Price
Waterhouse

By John Bell and Carol Ferguson

Price Waterhouse, one of the largest accounting firms in the world, has been severely criticized by the accountancy profession's highest disciplinary body.

An appeal committee, headed by the former Attorney General Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, upheld a damning finding by a committee of inquiry set up under the Joint Disciplinary Scheme of the leading accountancy bodies in the United Kingdom.

The committee of inquiry found that the professional conduct, efficiency, and competence of Price Waterhouse fell below the standard expected of a firm of chartered accountants acting as auditors of public companies.

The committee also upheld nine findings that Price Waterhouse had been guilty of serious errors of judgement in connection with its role as auditors to Ramor Investments, a secondary bank formerly called Bryanston Finance.

The appeal body upheld an order that Price Waterhouse be reprimanded. The firm is to pay £273,000 towards the costs of the inquiry and appeal.

The Department of Trade and Industry appointed inspectors to look into the affairs of Ramor in May 1975.

The DTI inquiry, which was completed in 1981, found examples of irregularities with directors' loans, evidence of inadequate record keeping, undisclosed loans to persons connected with the company, and property deals with connected persons.

Price Waterhouse was criticized for not having considered qualifying its auditor's report and for not disclosing its reasons for resigning to the accountancy firm which replaced it.

In a statement issued last night, Price Waterhouse said that it regretted that the appeal committee had upheld all the conclusions of the committee of inquiry. "The report concerns events in 1973 and 1974 when the business and regulatory climate was very different from what it is now," the firm said.

Mr Jeffery Bowman, senior partner, also said last night that there had been very substantial changes in the business environment, especially in relation to the role of non-executive directors, one of the areas of criticism of Price Waterhouse by the committee. He said that the committee's report did not have enough regard to these changed conditions.

Price Waterhouse said that it accepted the committee's findings with reluctance.

Dealers turn away
from FRN market

By Our Banking Correspondent

The Perpetual Floating Rate Note market, where British clearing banks have raised millions of pounds of capital, almost failed to open yesterday as all but a few market-makers ceased to quote prices.

Difficult trading conditions caused the collapse of an agreement between dealers in December which had temporarily established the basis for an orderly market. Merrill Lynch, County Securities and Credit Suisse First Boston were among the few houses left quoting prices yesterday morning.

Dealers gave a warning that the troubled market was now unlikely to recover its previous liquidity since traders and investors feared to deal with each other. And it is unlikely that banks will be able to use perpetual FRNs in future as a way of raising capital.

Several market-makers, including Kidder Peabody, Goldman Sachs, Samuel Montagu and EF Hutton dropped out of the market as prices plummeted. Unprecedented volatility also meant

wild price fluctuations, with moves of up to six points in a day when only a few months ago prices rarely moved by more than a fraction of a point.

Market-makers pointed out, however, that other Euro-bonds were still trading normally and were not affected by the problems in the perpetual FRN sector.

Mr Steven Godfrey Isaacs, a director of Credit Suisse First Boston, said: "We are seeing a re-rating of perpetuals. Until now they have been trading like money market instruments but they should trade more like equities on the same price and yield basis."

Dealers said that the lack of investor demand was, among other factors, due to the possibility of new regulations limiting the ability of banks to invest in the perpetual FRNs of other banks.

Until now, Japanese banks have been particularly large buyers of these bonds. There is worry also over the tidying up of positions by Japanese banks before the end of their financial year in March.



CAPITAL & COUNTIES

1986 REPORT

Results

Net Property Income	£17.8 million	} +21%
Profit after tax	£10.8 million	
Shareholders' Funds	£269.1 million	} +17%
Earnings per share (diluted)	13.3p	
Dividends for year	7.0p	} +15%
Net Assets per share (diluted)	322.0p	

Increases are over previous nine months annualised where appropriate.

Developments

- Regional shopping centres — Hanley, Watford, Bromley, Thurrock
- Offices/Multi-use — The City, Basingstoke, Bagshot, Chandler's Ford, Port Solent, Peterborough
- Sydney and Brisbane

Prospects

Maintained leadership in regional shopping centre development and continued further profitable growth both in the U.K. and overseas.

These figures are extracted from the Preliminary Announcement issued on 24th February 1987 of the final accounts for the year ended 31st December 1986.

The full announcement can be obtained from the Secretary Capital & Counties plc, St. Andrew's House, 40 Broadway, London SW1H 0BU. Tel: 01-222-7878.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

BAe doubles stake in Systems Designers

Shares in Systems Designers, the computer software group, chaired by Mr Philip Swainstead (right) jumped 23p to 100p yesterday after British Aerospace more than doubled its stake in a £9 million stock market raid. The 8.95 million shares, or 7.78 per cent of the share capital, were acquired at just under 100p each, and lifted BAE's holding to about 13 per cent. A further 1.9 per cent is held by BAE's pension fund. BAE denied the purchase was a prelude to a takeover bid.



Bank predicts UK surplus

A new forecast of the balance of payments predicts that Britain will have a current account surplus of £1.5 billion this year. Credit Suisse First Boston is forecasting a surplus at a time when most other forecasters, including the Treasury, still expect a deficit. CSFB believes that other forecasts underestimate the effect of spare capacity on industry's ability to take the opportunity presented by devaluation.

£4m deal for John Brown

A £4.5 million contract to build an automated assembly system for a new car engine at the Skoda plant at Mladá Boleslav, Czechoslovakia, has been awarded to John Brown Automation of Coventry. The contract is the largest single order ever placed by the Czechoslovak company. The system will initially be able to produce 21 variants of a new four-cylinder engine.

Jardine restructured

Jardine Matheson, the Hong Kong trading empire, yesterday announced the final stages of restructuring, started by Mr Simon Keswick last July. Jardine Strategic Holdings, which was set up then, as the group's main Hong Kong investment vehicle, yesterday announced a HK\$2.58 billion (£214 million) two-for-three rights issue. On completion of the changes the listed Jardine Strategic Holdings will be left with three assets: 35 per cent of Dairy Farm, 26 per cent of Hong Kong Land, and 35 per cent of Mandarin Oriental.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

TO THE HOLDERS OF

CDC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

5% GUARANTEED CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES
DUE APRIL 1, 1988

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the holders of outstanding 5% Guaranteed Convertible Debentures due April 1, 1988 (the "Debentures") of CDC International Finance Corporation (the "Company") that, in accordance with Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 4.01 of the Indenture dated April 1, 1988 (the "Indenture") among the Company and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association (the "Trustee"), the Company has elected to redeem \$1,339,000.00 principal amount of the outstanding Debentures on April 1, 1987 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund on 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest accrued thereon at the rate of 5% per annum to the Redemption Date. The Trustee has selected Debentures to be redeemed bearing debenture numbers, as follows:

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Sticking to convention

Poor Sir John Hoskyns. As Director-General of the Institute of Directors, its annual convention at the Royal Albert Hall should have been his big day. But guest speaker Mrs Thatcher, who remembers him well from his days as the head of the Prime Minister's Policy Unit, cracked one of the funniest jokes of the entire convention — at his expense. Sir John, aged 59, is not best known for his sense of humour and, looking back to her early days as the PM, Mrs Thatcher reminisced: "The No 10 Policy Unit went into purdah for several months working out how to get from where we were to where we wanted to be. Stern-faced, you Sir John, stalked the corridors of No 10 warning against the superficial solutions and the easy promises. If I asked for a joke for a speech, I got back 20 pages of strategic analysis."



"That's the trouble with soccer today - it's become a spectator sport."

United front

Sitting in the front row of the auditorium, next but one to Eric Hammond, was the unmistakable bearded figure of Prince Michael of Kent. Prince Michael, a director of both STC and Aikens Hume, showed a united front with Hammond when both men stayed steadfastly in their seats as the main body of the audience rose to give Mrs Thatcher a standing ovation. Both, no doubt, for very different reasons.

Free lunch?

The packed lunch served to the 3,500 delegates on their laps must surely be one of the best boxed meals in town. To what their appetites there was game pie with Cumberland sauce, followed by fillet of Scotch salmon, and rice, pea, nut, peach and celery vinaigrette. And for pud it was chocolate mousse with rum raisins, as well as cheese and biscuits and Bendick's mints — of course. To wash it all down were miniature bottles of Bordeaux wine, Malvern water and malt whisky. But, at £63 a head — inclusive of half a dozen or so speeches — it must also be one of the most expensive.

Among the gossip in the Press bar was the story that Gordon Leak, industrial correspondent on the *Sunday Express*, is to become head of public relations at the Institute of Directors. Certainly a good name for a prospective PR man.

Last picket

With the theme for this year's convention "re-skilling Britain", it was inevitable that Rupert Murdoch's high-tech printing plant at Wapping would at least be mentioned. Eric Hammond, General Secretary of the EITPU, closed his eyes as the inevitable happened and Mrs Thatcher quoted the immortal words of Brenda Dean, his opposite number at Sogat 82, saying: "We certainly cannot stop change..." Hammond was clearly adamant that neither the plant nor the dispute would be referred to in his own 10-minute speech. But once again the inevitable happened. Half-way through, an anorak-clad gate-crasher professing to be a committee member of the *Sunday Times* machine chapel, leapt to his feet and called Hammond a "traitor" and a "disgrace to the trade union movement." He was forcibly ejected, breaking his spectacles in the process, and Hammond continued his speech unruffled.

Small compensation for owners of British Leyland cars. In answer to a complaint from a Range Rover-owning member of the audience, who listed a collection of irritating faults, Mr Graham Day, the new BL chief, said he too owned a Range Rover and he too had had problems with it. "No motor manufacturer is perfect," he said.

Carol Leonard
at the IuD convention
Royal Albert Hall

The Stock Exchange: Sir Nicholas Goodison on self-regulation

Discipline flows from City's moral standards

Self-regulation is under fire again. The City, according to a leading figure in the Labour Party, is said to be soft on crime and to be incapable of policing itself. Self-regulation is said to be insufficient, if not useless.

This is a facile line of criticism which misses several points:

● There is no financial system can think of in the developed world which does not depend to a large extent on the moral standards and disciplines of self-regulation. People who imagine that there is no self-regulation in the United States are wrong.

● The uncovering of wrong doing does not imply the failure of self-regulation. On the contrary, it often proves the efficiency of regulation and not the reverse. However, nobody seems to argue that the doings of Mr Bossey argue the failure of statutory regulation. There is an inconsistency about people's reactions.

● People have lost their jobs as a result of the Guinness affair and as a result of alleged insider trading. They have lost them as a result of self-regulation and not of any statutory action.

● The record of the non-statutory regulators is remarkable. The quotations department of the Stock Exchange, the disciplinary regulation of the Stock Exchange generally, and the achievements of the Take-Over Panel which, over 19 years, has satisfactorily guided more than 5,000 takeovers, stand comparison with any regulatory system in the world.

● The non-statutory regulators work in the closest co-operation with the statutory regulators. In other words, the Stock Exchange works very closely with the Department of Trade and Industry all the time. It could not be otherwise.

● Self-regulation has the benefit of being flexible. Rules can



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be altered quickly. Offenders can be identified and dealt with more swiftly than the more lengthy and expensive processes of the law.

● Drawing on the skills and experience of professional participants in the market, non-statutory regulators can be more alert than any outsider could be to the first suggestions of malpractice.

● Since the market at large has a direct interest in the setting and maintenance of high moral standards it is aggressively active in seeking out infringements rather than waiting for someone to complain or make an allegation of malpractice.

The neglect of facts is the privilege of mischievous or lazy commentators. It is wonderfully easy to say "self-regulation has failed". It gets a cheer because "self-regulation" sounds very like "self-interest".

Let us look at the facts. What is "self-regulation" and how does it fit in with statute? Self-regulation can be simply described as behaviour of a high moral standard, which in itself implies restraint and the voluntary submission to codes of practice.

Behaviour which is permitted by the law is not necessarily moral. Moral standards frequently exceed the requirements of the law. This is the key point. Self-regulation operates at

three levels. First, each man or woman should have standards of conduct. Second, the firms and businesses who employ people should impose standards of behaviour and practice on those who work for them. Third, firms and businesses get together in order to share the load of policing behaviour (for example the Stock Exchange) or in order to share the load of enforcing standards (for example the Self-Regulatory Organizations under the new Financial Services Act). To be an effective Self-Regulatory Organization there must be sanctions on those who break the codes of practice. For example the Stock Exchange has an extensive range of penalties which can be imposed from reprimands, fines, being barred from trading in any form to — in extreme cases — being expelled.

On top of all this there is a proper place for statute laws. Every securities market in the world has some combination of legal and voluntary regulation. The old simplistic argument, that "self-regulation" is in some way antithetical to statutory regulation has no substance. The two have to work in close co-operation in order to achieve the best possible results. We at the Stock Exchange could not do our job effectively without our continuous and close co-operation with the Department of Trade and Industry, and vice versa.

It is not possible to produce the complete deterrent or complete detection system. To deter or detect every case of insider trading you would need spies everywhere all over the world and you would need to tap every telephone all the time, which is obviously not possible.

No, the aim must be the maximum deterrent and the most effective means of discovery possible. In addition to this we need the most effective means of investigation of any infringement of a law or regulation and the most effective prosecution.

The law lays down a wide range of requirements both on companies and on directors of companies through the Companies Act. The law now stands behind most of the Stock Exchange's Listing Requirements which oblige directors of companies to disclose a great deal of information for the information of investors. The law makes insider trading a criminal offence. The law is about to cover, through the Financial Services Act, the authorization of any business which sells an investment to an investor or which deals in securities.

This is a powerful group of statutes. And it is backed up by better measures to deter and catch crooks. I argued in an earlier article that with the recent changes in the Stock Exchange's surveillance system and in the powers granted to the DIT's inspectors there is today a much greater chance of the insider trader being detected, if not deterred, being caught than there was even two months ago. People who deny this have not looked at the facts. Similarly, the criticism now being levelled at the Financial Services Act as a result of the Guinness affair is misguided. There is nothing to suggest that an even more statutory system of regulation than the statutory system that we are about to have would be more effective.

The new system should be allowed to prove itself and I say this even though it is not precisely the system which I would have wanted. It should be changed if necessary in the light of experience, but let us be clear on two points. First, it is a great improvement on the very much out-of-date legislation (the Prevention of Fraud Investments Act of 1958) which allowed such scandalous events as the Norton Warburg and ML Duxford cases, both of which led to losses by investors. Second, there are a lot of hard-working people in the City who will make the system work. They want to, because they are just as keen as any politician to deter, catch and prosecute wrongdoers.

In short, give it a chance. Mr Hattersley, Mr Cook, and others. Whatever you say in public, I am sure it is not really part of your own moral code to condemn before you know the facts.

This is the second of three articles by the chairman of the International Stock Exchange of the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Tomorrow: Guinness

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Channel tunnel takes on the shape of a cash cow

The level of optimism among the chief protagonists of the Channel tunnel is rising. They believe the issue facing Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium holding the concession, is no longer "will the tunnel be built?" but "when?" Their restored faith in part is due to the emergence of a coherent and professional board dedicated to carrying through the project.

The determination of the French directors was not in doubt but the shilly-shallying of their British colleagues had to stop if Eurotunnel was to preserve enough credibility to continue. The culminating departures, for different reasons, of Sir Nigel Brookes, Michael Julien, and co-chairman Lord Pennock and the arrival of Alastair Morton (Guinness Peat) as co-chairman and Sir Kit McMahon, chief executive of Midland Bank and a former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England have steadied the ship.

For the next stage of the project, Sir Kit's appointment is the more important: even more than Mr Morton he represents the Bank of England's seal of approval, or rather stamp of authority. While it is just, but only just, conceivable that the Government could step unharmed from the rubble of a collapsed tunnel scheme, the Bank of England would be covered in dust.

The acid test for the tunnelers' restored belief will come perhaps as early as June but not later than August when Eurotunnel will approach the market for £750 million of equity finance (Equity 3). As the raising of £5 billion of loan capital is effectively tied to the success of Equity 3, everything is staked on the ingenuity of the bankers and brokers devising the terms and the fund managers' response.

Memories of the Equity 2 issue, a mere £206 million, which required Bank of England arm twisting to avert an embarrassing failure are being discounted. The underwhelming response of the City of London undoubtedly reflected the institutional investors' short-termism, but that attitude to

investment, for the time being, has gone out of fashion.

Two other negative factors which applied to the earlier issue no longer apply. Equity 2 stock is not quoted: without a quotation, the judgement of performance is not possible. Secondly, most of the great risk takers do not like taking risks: Equity 2 was not a financial guarantee that the tunnel would be built and they could therefore have lost their money. Equity 3 is a horse of another colour: if it runs, Eurotunnel is in business and the shares will have a value.

If, when, the tunnel is built and opened, prospective capital gains are very tempting. Obviously it all depends on the traffic figures you project (more bullish estimates are on their way!) and the discounting figure you choose; but if you discount gross dividends and company earnings by a conservative 15 per cent to arrive at a net present value, £1 billion of equity will have grown to £4.1 billion in 1995 and £6.9 billion by the year 2000. Because depreciation charges are so low, confined largely to the occasional replacement of rolling stock, the dividends likely to be paid do turn Eurotunnel into a striking resemblance of a cash cow.

Eurotunnel also has some extraordinary privileges conferred by the British and French governments. They include no discriminatory taxation; no rival fixed-link before 2020; freedom to fix its own prices; and compensation for government interference in construction or operation. It is also worth mentioning that 35 per cent of Eurotunnel's revenue will come from British and French Rail as payments for time slots.

The actual terms of Equity 3 will be fascinating as well as crucial to the project. Investors will probably be offered a choice of straight equity and a convertible. As Eurotunnel will have no income until the tunnel is operating, it cannot pay interest on a convertible: those who subscribe to it will have to put up "extra" money which will be returned to them in the form of interest.

Westland's private spin

The sight of the Westland chairman, Sir John Cuckney, setting out his begging bowl on the steps of 10 Downing Street would appeal to the former Defence Secretary, Michael Heseltine, and his band of defeated European followers. It would vindicate his opposition to the Sikorsky formula for rescuing the helicopter group, over which he resigned and would do no harm to sales of his forthcoming book.

It is not likely to happen. Sir John does not deny that Westland's helicopter division is facing a serious, short-term lack of orders which could be alleviated by some re-phasing of military purchases; but should they not appear, he is sure he can handle the problem himself. "It is a private-sector problem and will be settled in a private-sector manner," is how he puts it.

While such words are the sound of music to Mrs Thatcher, the tune could be flat in an election year. The Cuckney solution might involve thousands of lost jobs in Westland's helicopter division, as well as elsewhere in the aerospace industry. It might even involve Sir John accepting another partner in the division, not necessarily British.

He is well aware of the political implications of both actions and if the

Thatcher Government, which has expressed a desire for an indigenous helicopter industry, does not like the prospect of either, all it has to do is to rearrange the MOD's order schedules.

The perfect cover for doing that could be contained in the long-awaited report on Britain's support-helicopter requirements into the next century. It was expected in January; now mid-March is the estimated arrival time. Westland does not see how it cannot but recommend beefing up Britain's battlefield helicopter capability.

Should the men with red tabs on their lapels not agree, Sir John admits he will face a struggle. He promises that Westland will remain in helicopters, while being equally sure that they will mean less and less to the health of the group as the other divisions are built up. How is he going to do that? By acquisitions — a prospect he finds mouthwatering. Where is the money coming from? "We have an interestingly strong group of shareholders. Finance would not be difficult."

As they include the lords Hanson and Weinstock of Hanson Trust and GEC, holding 14.99 per cent and 6.97 per cent respectively, it will be interesting to see how they would react to being asked to raise their stakes in Westland.

TEMPUS

NatWest rides the £1bn profits wave

The crest of the wave on which National Westminster is riding has taken the bank up to the £1 billion pretax profit level. Not many companies in Britain, now, to mention in the whole world, have yet achieved that distinction, so the tone of restrained self-congratulation in Lord Boardman's announcement is entirely justified.

It is hard to find anything of much substance to criticise in this set of results. The 26 per cent profit increase easily met City expectations, and the increase of 20.5 per cent in earnings per share, up from 78p to 94p, is very respectable.

Pessimists can expect a virtual standstill in the earnings per share for 1987 because of the dilution effect of last year's rights issue, and that may tend to restrain the share price. But this year the dividend increase is, if anything, slightly more generous than expected, so complaints should be muted.

As in the previous year, domestic banking laid the golden egg in 1986, helped as before by the effects of a fall in average interest rates on NatWest's large fixed rate loan book. Growth in lending and the widening of margins not only pushed up NatWest's net interest income by 16 per cent but showed that it was doing more than just keeping up with the competition over the last year.

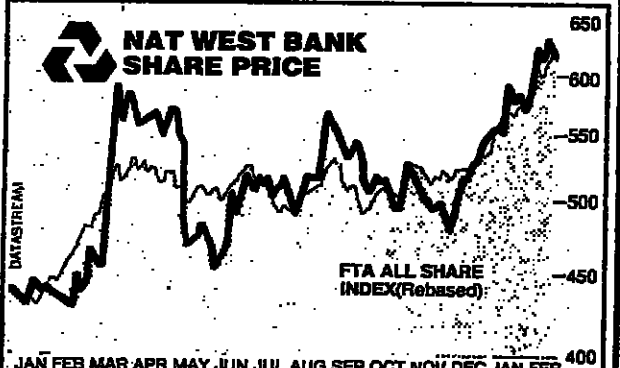
The bank's cost of funding continues to edge up — as it does for all the clearers — but NatWest has shifted some of the expense of wholesale funding. This dropped from 38 per cent to 22 per cent during the year. The difference was made up by increased retail deposits, which are cheaper.

On provisions for bad debt also, NatWest looks strong in comparison to its competitors. Though domestic provisions rose by a substantial £40 million, the bank insists that its experience of domestic bad debt is not worsening.

The group has continued to take a conservative attitude to international bad debt provisions, too, leaving it relatively well placed to face the rigours of being a creditor to Latin America.

Unsurprisingly, investment banking made a small loss during the year as costs remained high. It is anyone's guess how long it will be before costs cease to hurt so much, but the group's prediction of profits on the investment banking side within two to three years seems sensible.

The stock market had already discounted the results and NatWest's shares rose only 6p to 623p yesterday, leaving it on a multiple of just



below seven. With the results now out of the way, and with NatWest less affected by Brazil's problems than some other banks, its shares may continue to remain relatively static for a while.

Trencherwood

Housebuilder and property developer Trencherwood poses two problems for institutional investors. One is the size of the company and the other is the limited marketability of its shares.

Trencherwood is gradually putting right the first problem by rapidly growing on its chosen home territory (Newbury and the Berkshire M4 corridor) and cautiously expanding beyond. Yesterday the company reported profits of £4.2 million, a 39 per cent rise on the previous year. Earnings per share rose by the same amount to 29.2p.

Building houses in one of the busiest areas of the buoyant South-east is a profitable business these days and Trencherwood looks set for considerably higher profits in the current year.

Analysts expect £5.5 million. The second problem, marketability of shares, is easing. Trencherwood staged its second placing of stock since the flotation. This one, 1.3 million shares, increases the equity in issue by 13 per cent and was readily taken up by institutions. There is also to be a one-for-one scrip issue.

Given Trencherwood's land bank of 3,600 units — mostly in the Newbury area — the group would be a bid target but for the majority interest of founder and chairman Mr John Norgate.

The chances are that Mr Norgate will further help to expand the capital base by taking advantage of the strong investor appetite for his shares and launching a bid of his own.

Capital & Counties

Capital & Counties, the property investment and development group owned by the

Liberty Life Association of South Africa, has a knack of identifying potentially lucrative segments of the market ahead of demand.

The company's strong and growing investment portfolio should serve it well, becoming a major contributor to profit and asset value.

The results announced yesterday certainly demonstrate the strength of the existing portfolio, not just in the UK but in Australia and the United States.

The company reported pretax profits of £14.15 million for the year to end-December, compared with the previous nine-month total of just over £9 million.

The turnover was split between property investment with £17.7 million, a rise of 21 per cent, and property trading with £3.5 million. Net assets on a fully-diluted basis rose to 322p, a 15 per cent improvement.

An independent valuation of the investment portfolio on an open market basis at December 31 resulted in a surplus of £34.3 million. Developments completed in the year and valued for the first time contributed £7.1 million of the surplus — £5.5 million in Australia and £1.6 million in the UK, reflecting an overall profit margin of 23 per cent over cost. The revaluation surplus on the UK portfolio was £22.9 million, an increase of 10 per cent.

The dividend payout for the year goes up to 7p a share, an increase of 17 per cent.

The improved performance was mostly due to three factors: a better contribution from UK properties which benefited from improved rentals; a sharply improved income flow from the Australian operations; and the acquisition of the outstanding interest in Westamerica Properties.

Long-term UK prospects centre on the company's shopping centre developments, which strategically ring the M25.

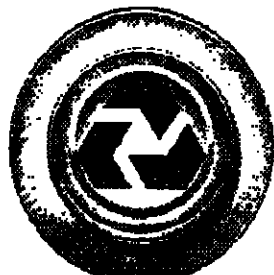
Shares rose 13p to 328p. The company looks poised for another year of comparable progress.

1986 NatWest Results

	1986	1985
Pre-tax profits	£1,011m	£804m
Post-tax profits	£621m	£450m
Earnings per share*	94p	78p
Ordinary dividend per share*	20.5p	17.9p
Total assets	£83.3bn	£72.6bn

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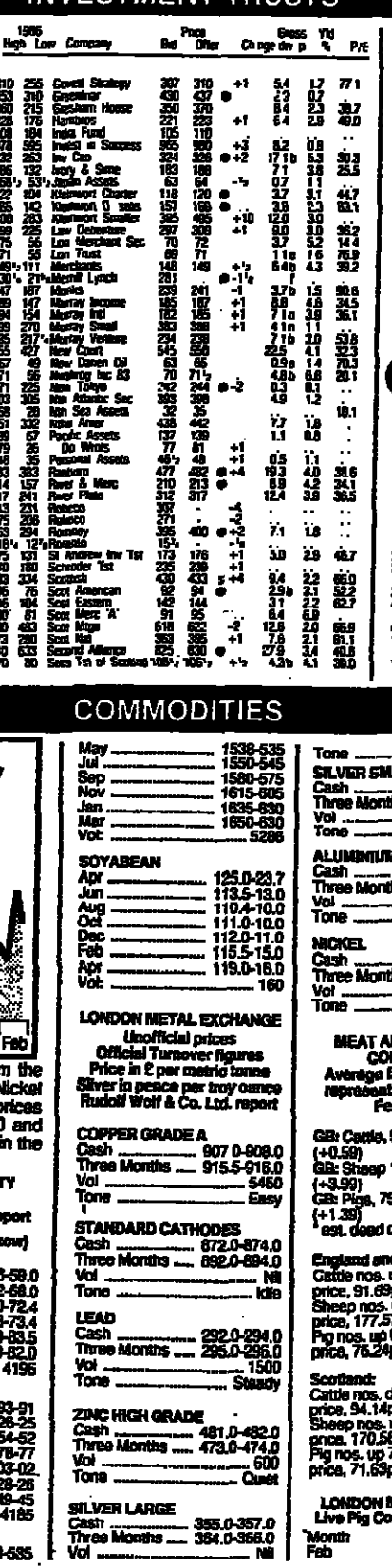
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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Christopher Daville

The country of foreigners

Well-to-do, blinkered wife wakes with a bump when creepy husband bunks off with a former beauty queen, leaving creditors at the door to boot. The opening episode of Fay Weldon's *Heart of the Country* (BBC2, 9.25pm) is filmed around Wells and Glastonbury and makes a fair stab at turning them into Chabrol country: bourgeois dinner parties, glumly anticipated and hell to endure. At least, by the standards of current television drama, something is being attempted, so one can forgive a little flat-footedness. So far, alpha minus for ideas, beta plus for execution. As well as social satire about the new country life — infidelity among the Volvo and Chablis belt — there are hints, as the fox steals into the hen coop, of something more primitive and elemental about to break loose.

CHOICE

Mysterious emphasis on mystical Glastonbury Tor and a nearby broadcasting tower also suggests there is something strange in the air. Exactly what remains to be seen.

Dallas offers little nostalgia because preposterous twists imposed by the script department necessarily permit the characters only the sketchiest memories. One past that can exist is furnished by the legendary vendetta, hence *Dallas: The Early Years* (BBC1, 7.35pm), which traces the origins of the feud of Mafia-like intensity between the Barnes family and the Ewings.

Chris Petit

Peter Daville writes: A notable musical premiere on Radio 3 tonight — Panufnik conducting his Symphony No 9 in the BBC Symphony Orchestra concert at the Royal Festival Hall (8.40pm). It's followed (at 9.35) by a rare event — a harp recital. The solitary recitalist in St Asaph Cathedral is Stained Williams. Michael Hurd's rehabilitation of John Stainer and his *Crucifixion* in Record Review (Radio 3, 2.50pm) is long overdue. Radio 4 highlights include part six of *Malcolm Billings*'s remarkably comprehensive and comprehensible eight-part history of the *Crusades*, the *Cross and the Crescent* (7.45pm) and an alarming *Kaleidoscope Extra*. Breaking Point (4.45pm), which might deter more than one fond Mum from putting her ballet-mad daughter on the stage.

Caged in an unhappy world: Susan Penhaligon and Derek Waring in *Heart of the Country* (BBC2, 9.25pm)

BBC1

- 6.00** Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.40** Junior Watchdog. In the Hot Seat, answering questions on school standards, is David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
- 9.00** News and weather. **9.05** Day to Day. Show boxing banned? Among those taking part are Alan Minter, Charlie Magri, and Mickey Duff. **9.45** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald asks 'are you ready for retirement?'.
- 10.00** News and weather. **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. With Phillip Schofield. **10.30** Play School. **10.50** The Wombles. (r)
- 10.55** Five to Eleven. Hugh Dickson with a thought for the day. **11.00** News and weather. **11.05** Holiday 87. (r) **11.45** Open Air from the home of Mary Whitehouse. Includes news and weather at 12.00.
- 12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from the Speyside Theatre, Aviemore. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
- 1.00** One O'Clock News with Mary Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Scott pays the price for his night out with Wendy. **1.50** Check-a-Block. (r)
- 2.05** Film: *Where the Red Fern Grows* (1974) starring James Whitmore and Beverly Gailand. The story of a young man and his pair of pet hounds who become the top raccoon hunters in the district and the envy of the neighbouring farm's children. Directed by Norman Tokar. **3.40** Play It Safe! Accident prevention advice. (r)

- 3.50** *Stiff* on. (r) **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Carpool. **4.15** Jackanory. David Suchet with part three of *Emil and the Detectives*. **4.25** *Bananaman*. (r) **4.30** Fast Forward. The first of a new video fun series. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround. **5.05** *Dead End*. Episode two of the three-part drama. **5.15** *First Class*. Dr Chalmers's Grammar, Buckinghamshire, and Boston Grammar, Lincolnshire, meet in the final of the inter-school video quiz.
- 6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Wright and Philip Houghton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** News. Nigel Dempster is among Derek Jameson's guests tonight. **7.35** *Dallas: The Early Years*. Episode one of a two-part drama, set in the 1930s, which traces the roots of the rivalry between the Ewing and Barnes families. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
- 8.50** Points of View with Anne Robinson. **9.00** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. **9.05** News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
- 9.35** Q.E.D.: A Fall From Grace. A documentary about why humans make mistakes, examining what would happen if the minor, but infuriating, slips were made on the flight deck of a jumbo jet or at a nuclear power station. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
- 10.05** Film: *Paradise Alley* (1978) starring Sylvester Stallone, Lee Carls, and Armand Assante. Post-Second World War New York is the setting for this tale of three brothers, Cosmo, Vic, and Lenny, who decide to escape from poverty by capitalizing on the arresting skills of Vic. Directed by Sylvester Stallone. **11.50** Weather.

BBC 2

- 6.55** Open University. Contemporary Issues in Education. Ends at 7.20. **9.00** Ceefax. **9.15** Daytime on Two: a drama asking questions about teenagers' relationships with each other. **9.25** Ceefax. **10.00** For four- and five-year olds. **10.15** Science - basic patterns. **10.30** Bridges. **11.00** Words and Pictures. **11.07** Some people who work at night. **11.40** Bible lands: the palace fortress of Masada. **12.02** Maths for GCSE. **12.25** Working in the hotel trade. **12.45** Basic French. **1.10** A guide to business jargon for those whose second language is English. **1.38** Glasgow Pakistanis: their contribution to life in central Scotland. **2.00** News and weather. **2.02** Thinkabout. **2.15** Survival games. Eskimo mothers play with their children. (Ceefax).
- 2.35** Sports Afternoon. Includes a profile of Finnish rally driver Ari Vatanen. Includes news and weather at 3.00. **3.50** News, regional news, and weather. **4.00** Pamela Armstrong. **4.35** The World of the 30s. The unfettered rise of Hitler's National Socialism. **5.05** My Music. A lighthearted test of musical knowledge, set and presented by Steve Race. (r) **5.30** Cover to Cover. Reviews of the latest hardbacks and paperbacks. **6.00** Film: *Dr Max* (1974) starring Lee J. Cobb, Janet Warner, and Robert Lipston. A made-for-television medical drama about a Baltimore doctor. Directed by James Goldstone. **7.10** Red Hot Chicago. An award-winning documentary about Chicago's hot dogs and the people who eat them. **7.35** Take Nobody's Word for It. Experimental science series. **8.30** Whistle Test. Investigates the soul club scene in the North of England. **8.30** Out of Court. Presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook. **9.00** M*A*S*H. A patient takes a shine to Hawkeye. Klinger is married by a gynaecologist. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
- 9.25** Heart of the Country. Episode one of a four-part dramatization of Fay Weldon's comedy starring Susan Penhaligon, Jacqueline Tong, Derek Waring, and David Buck. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
- 10.25** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. **11.20** Newsnight. **11.15** Weather. **11.30** Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 15, Op 28 (The Pastorale). **11.50** Open University: Signs of the Times, with Umberto Eco. **12.15** Systems: A Question of Interpretation. Ends 12.45.

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- 6.15** TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.50; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55. **7.00** Good Morning Britain. Presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. At 8.08, Wacady presented by Timmy Mallett. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Schools: maths for children in reception classes. **9.42** Russell Hoban and Quentin Crisp explain how they co-operated to produce their book. *The Rain Dog*. **10.16** Urban pollution. **10.33** Episode one of *Erebus*'s *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*. **11.03** Uses of computers. **11.22** Animated graphics. **11.39** Part five of Jean Anouilh's *La Solle Veu*. **12.00** Button Moon. Puppet series for the young. (r) **12.10** Aislinn. **12.15** Adventures of the Sucky Finger Gang. **12.30** Wish You Were Here. A satirical report from Chris Kelly in Sweden. (r) **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin. **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** A Country Practice. A medical drama serial set in a remote Australian outback town. **2.30** On the Market. Susan Brookes and Mark Gordon with the best fresh food buys; and guest cook, Sarah Brown, prepares for Shrove Tuesday. **3.00** Amosbea to Zebras. Nature quiz presented by Lee J. Cobb, Janet Warner, and Robert Lipston. A made-for-television medical drama about a Baltimore doctor. Directed by James Goldstone. **4.00** *Crucifixion*. Paul Nicholas with the tale. Case of the Jumps. **4.10** *Batnik*. (r) **4.30** Sooty with Matthew Corbett and Connie Creighton. **4.45** Y.E.S. Adventures of a group of children who begin a

youth Enquiry Service

- 5.15** Connections. Quiz game for sixth formers. Presented by Sue Robble. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart. **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gae with a report-back on the Light House Project, and the Levensham Academy of Music. **6.35** Crossroads. **7.00** This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews with the first of three editions from Hollywood, where a star of prime time will be surprised by the biggest book. **7.30** Coronation Street. Life's a sweet temptation. For Jack Duckworth. (Oracle) **8.00** Sporting Triangles. Introduced by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson are joined by Sue Cook, Brian Jackson, Peter S. James, and Dennis Taylor. **8.30** Hardwicke House. It's the first day of term and the motley staff of the comprehensive assemble for another round of battle with the pupils. Starring Ray Kinnear. (Oracle) **9.00** The Equalizer. Robert McGill is hired by a man who has unwittingly become involved with the leaking of secret information and who now feels that his life is being threatened. Starring Edward Woodward and James Mauraugh. (Oracle) **9.55** A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. **10.00** News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Col J. Cobb. **10.15** Weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** Midweek Sport Special. Introduced by Nick Owen. Football: *Lifelines* Cup and FA Cup replay action. Snooker: play in the quarterfinals of the Dux British Open. **12.30** That's Hollywood. The role of the stars on the screen. **12.55** Night Thoughts.

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- 1.45** Their Lordships' House. (r) **2.00** Snooker. The Dux British Open, introduced by Dickie Davies. **4.00** Mavis on 4. This afternoon show for the next three Wednesdays. Mavis Treason will be talking to 12 of the 581,000 babies who were born in Iceland 1947. How ages 40, the topics will include parental authority and permissiveness, divorce and single parenthood, teenagers and contraception. **4.30** Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Diana Beasley from Altringham in Devon. **5.00** Chateaufort. The French language. English subtitles. Action of episode five of the drama series about two rival French families first shown. Subbed, on Monday evening. **6.00** The Marketing Mix. Part seven of the series on marketing examines the importance of exhibition and display. (r) (Oracle) **6.30** Dust and Dreams. This eighth programme of the series looks at the British film industry's challenge to Hollywood in the 1930s and 40s. (r) (Oracle) **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Includes a report on the Green Paper on the future of broadcasting. **7.50** Comment. This week's political slot is filled by Bryan Gould, Labour MP for Dagenham. Weather. **8.00** Ask Dr Ruth. The diminutive sexologist's guest is Lucie Arnaz. **11.30** Film: *Payment in Kind* (1966) starring Justine Lord. The trial of a cab-ridden wife who steals a ring and accidentally kills the debt collector. Directed by Peter Duffell. **12.00** Beyond Belief. Anthony Clare investigates America's electronic churches and wonders if they would catch on over here. **12.25** Their Lordships' House. Ends at 12.40.

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- BBC1** WALES: 5.35pm-6.00pm News. 6.35-7.00pm News. 7.15-7.30pm News. 7.35-7.50pm News. 8.00-8.15pm News. 8.20-8.35pm News. 8.40-8.55pm News. 9.00-9.15pm News. 9.20-9.35pm News. 9.40-9.55pm News. 10.00-10.15pm News. 10.20-10.35pm News. 10.40-10.55pm News. 11.00-11.15pm News. 11.20-11.35pm News. 11.40-11.55pm News. 12.00-12.15pm News. 12.20-12.35pm News. 12.40-12.55pm News. 1.00-1.15pm News. 1.20-1.35pm News. 1.40-1.55pm News. 2.00-2.15pm News. 2.20-2.35pm News. 2.40-2.55pm News. 3.00-3.15pm News. 3.20-3.35pm News. 3.40-3.55pm News. 4.00-4.15pm News. 4.20-4.35pm News. 4.40-4.55pm News. 5.00-5.15pm News. 5.20-5.35pm News. 5.40-5.55pm News. 6.00-6.15pm News. 6.20-6.35pm News. 6.40-6.55pm News. 7.00-7.15pm News. 7.20-7.35pm News. 7.40-7.55pm News. 8.00-8.15pm News. 8.20-8.35pm News. 8.30-8.45pm News. 8.50-9.05pm News. 9.10-9.25pm News. 9.30-9.45pm News. 9.50-10.05pm News. 10.10-10.25pm News. 10.30-10.45pm News. 10.50-11.05pm News. 11.10-11.25pm News. 11.30-11.45pm News. 11.50-12.05pm 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